

Early Years Newsletter 16th February 2018

Our Learning This Week

We have now completed Phase 3 in letters and sounds. As we move towards Phase 4, there are no more sounds to learn, just high frequency words and tricky words. We have assessed the children in their phonics sessions; reading and phonics follow on tasks. Following these assessments, we have decided to group the children in phonics after the half term holidays. We will have two groups for phonics, led by Mrs Morton/Mrs Richardson and Mrs Dodd. The children will be grouped by their ability and their application of their phonic knowledge. We have grouped our children before and we find that it helps us to offer more support to children who have found phonics and phonics applications tricky and develop their confidence with reading and applying this confidence in their writing.

This will also enable us to work with the children who are now secure in their phonics knowledge and develop their skills. We will work at the children's pace and as a team, we will regularly look at the groupings and assess how the children are progressing. If you have any queries or questions concerning the groups, please do not hesitate to talk to your child's class teacher.

We have listened to the children read individually this week and benchmarked them according to our reading scheme.

In maths, we have been estimating objects in a group and then counting them with accuracy. The children have been very practical in their learning and challenges.

Celebration Assembly

Thank you to all our families who were able to attend our Celebration assembly today, it was wonderful to see everyone. The children have been so excited to share their work and perform for everyone. As a team, we are extremely proud.

Junk Modelling Materials

Thank you for the boxes and tubes that have been coming into school this week the children have been very creative and made some adventurous models. Please continue to bring them into school, as we will always need the materials replacing.

P.E.

All PE kits have been sent home this week and need to be returned Monday 26th February. All children are able to get themselves changed for PE but many children still find it tricky to get dressed after the session due to sleeves and trousers being inside out. Please work with your child over the holidays to practice turning clothes the correct way to support them in these sessions. For all children with longer hair, it is important that they come to school for the PE session with it tied back for safety reasons.

After The Holidays

In phonics, we will all review our existing sounds, tricky words and high frequency words each session. Mrs Morton/Mrs Richardson's group will look at CVCC (consonant, vowel, consonant, consonant), words which use the letter sounds that were learnt in Phase 2 and Phase 3. For example; mend and tent. They will look at the tricky words **said** and **so**. Mrs Dodd's group will continue to work in Phase 3. We will work on the diagraphs **ar** and **or** and **ai** and the tricky word **they**. In our maths sessions we will look at number and teen numbers, the children will use Numicon for support and have practical sessions to enhance their learning. In our writing sessions, we will look at poetry and how we can create our own class poem and perform it.

Twitter

Early Years are regularly tweeting "snapshots" of our day and exciting times and achievements. Please take a look we are always super proud of our children and this is an excellent way for you to share what we do.

Dates for your diary

Monday 26th February - return to school Spring 2

Thursday 1st March - World Book Day

Monday 12th March, Tuesday 13th March - Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd March - Parents Evening

Thursday 22nd March - Stay and Play - 4

Thursday 29th March - End of Term (Easter) return to school Monday 16th April.

Have a wonderful half term. We look forward to seeing your adventures on Tapestry.

Mrs J Dodd

Mrs S Morton

Mrs Z Richardson