

Our Learning this Week

Both classes have been reviewing existing sounds and tricky words, focussing on correct letter formation and sentence structure. Mrs Morton/Mrs Richardson's group have been looking at CVCC words, letter formation and have transferred their work into their lined writing books and it looks very smart. Mrs Dodd's group have been reviewing the tri-graph air, looking at specific words, and applying them in our sentence work. In our maths sessions, we have been working with money, using the language associated with money and how we can combine the different amounts to make number sentences. The children have enjoyed "virtually" spending money in the games we have been playing together. We have been learning about the Easter story in our afternoon sessions. The children have been fascinated with how it all links with Shrove Tuesday. We have kept the teaching very simplistic and at their level of understanding.

Whole School Inter-Faith Week

This has been a fabulous week for everyone in Early Years. We have been able to find out about so many different faiths and participate in assemblies and workshops. The children have been fully engaged and found out so many things. Thank you to Mrs Morton for organising the week.

Spring Bonnet Competition

Thank you to everyone who took part in this week's homework task. The bonnets looked fantastic and we were able to show them to everyone in school with a small parade in the morning. Miss Fairweather was faced with the difficult task of judging this as a fun competition and the winners were Connor Ellis-Toon, Charlotte Tarus and Owen Miller. All the children received a prize for taking part.

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.

Illness/Absence from School Policy

If your child is sick or has an upset stomach then the school policy, in line with Cheshire West and Chester guidelines, states that they must be absent from school for 48 hours from the last time of vomiting. As a school we adhere to this quite strictly to ensure that our children are well enough for school upon return and that this stems the flow of illness for all other children. We do understand this can be tricky when you are working but we are sure that you understand that we need to prevent the spread of the illness. Thank you for your continued support. We have added our administration of medicines policy on our website for your reference.

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 from Phase 2 and Phase 3, letter formation and handwriting and sentence work. They will look at polysyllabic words such as starlight and downtown. Mrs Dodd's group will begin to work on CVCC words within Phase 4 such as spot, spin and speck. We will incorporate this in our sentence work each day. We will introduce **some** and

come. In maths, we will work on numbers. Some children will begin to count in 2's, 5's and 10's and look at odd and even numbers. Some children will focus on number ordering 1 - 20 and 1 more/1 less.

In Remembrance of our colleague Mrs Jane Moore

During the first week back after the Easter holidays we will be celebrating the life of Mrs Jane Moore, who was one of our teaching assistants, who sadly died in October last year. On Wednesday 18th April, the children and staff are invited to dress as a rock star - it could be a famous rock star or it could be a generic rock star look! In return for dressing up, we would like the children to bring a £1 donation, which will be sent to a charity chosen by Mrs Moore's family. On Thursday 19th April, we are having a whole school assembly with Mrs Moore's family to rename the Small Hall as Mrs Moore's Hall, so there is a lasting legacy in our building. Later that day (2pm- 4pm) Mrs Moore's Hall will be open to the school community for parents and families to visit, contribute to a memory book and have a cup of tea and a slice of cake, served by staff and PTA.

PE Kits

We sent home all PE kits this week. If you find you are missing any items, please let a member of the team know. They need to be back in school on Monday 16th April, please ensure that you have a spare pair of underwear and socks included in your child's PE kit.

Twitter

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

Dates for your diary

Thursday 29th March - End of Term. Return Monday 16th April

Wednesday 18th April - Dress like a Rock star (see main newsletter)

Friday 4th May - Celebration Assembly 2.45pm in the main hall.

Monday 7th May - Bank Holiday

Friday 18th May - Stay and Play 5

Thursday 24th May - Half term - return to school Monday 4th June.

Wednesday 6th June - KS1 and EY sports day.

Tuesday 26th June - School Nursing Team for Early Years.

Have a great Easter break.



Mrs J Dodd

Mrs S Morton

Mrs Z Richardson