

Early Years Newsletter 27th April 2018

The weather has been extremely changeable this week; please ensure that your child has a coat in school at all times.

Our Learning this Week

In phonics, both groups have been reviewing our existing sounds, tricky words and high frequency words each session. Mrs Morton/Mrs Richardson's group have been developing their understanding of CVCC words (consonant, vowel, consonant, consonant). They have been looking at polysyllabic words and incorporating them into their sentence work. Mrs Dodd's group have worked on CVCC words within Phase 4 such as spot, spin and speck and developed our sentence work ensuring correct letter formation. In maths we have been looking at patterns; repeating patterns and patterns we find in the environment. To enhance this maths work, we have been looking at various artists, Piet Mondrian and Matisse, that use patterns within their work and working in their style on the computer and at various other areas within our environment.

Benchmarking

You will have noticed that throughout the week we have been benchmarking the children when reading. This is to ensure that all children are applying their phonic knowledge and reading the correct levels. There is a sticker in each reading diary to signpost the level to select each morning. Please make sure that your child selects the correct colour and level each time they change their books. In our guided reading sessions, we read a level above their home reader, to further develop their comprehension skills and their de-coding skills as a teaching activity in a small group. Home readers are for everyone to share in the wonderful books together and develop confidence and enjoyment ☺

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.

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.

Next Week

Mrs Morton/Mrs Richardson's group will continue to 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 continue to look at polysyllabic words. Mrs Dodd's group will continue to work on CVCC words within Phase 4; we will incorporate this in our sentence work each day. In maths, we will be working with numbers and the concept of subtraction and the

language associated with this. In our afternoon session; we will be looking at growing and what is needed to ensure a plant or flower grows strong and healthy. We will be planting our own seeds throughout the week to take home.

Homework

To consolidate our work on shapes and patterns we would like you to go on a pattern hunt when you are out and about as families. Patterns are everywhere, the brickwork on houses, floor tiles even wallpaper or wrapping paper. Can you put the homework on Tapestry for the children to share in Show and Tell on Thursday, as it will be our Celebration Assembly on Friday 4th May.

Celebration Assembly Friday 4th May 2.45 pm

It will be our celebration assembly in the main hall. We would love to share our work and achievements with you.

Have a great weekend. Please remember that Monday 7th May is a bank holiday and we return to school on Tuesday 8th May at 8.45 am.

Dates for your diary

Friday 4th May - Celebration Assembly 2.45 pm 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 - Key Stage 1 and Early Years Sports Day at 1.30 pm

Friday 29th June - Celebration Assembly 2.45 pm main hall.

Saturday 30th June - School Summer Fair 12.00 pm - 2.00 pm

Friday 6th July - Forest Schools (details to follow)

Thursday 19th July - Stay and Play 6

Friday 20th July - Finish for the Summer holidays.

Mrs J Dodd

Mrs S Morton

Mrs Z Richardson