



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL EARLY YEARS NEWSLETTER Friday 09th October 2020



Another great week!

The children have been brilliant this week engaging in all our learning. We have been talking about the Gingerbread man quite a lot! We also talked about how October is 'Black History' month. We watched a short clip on CBeebies and then talked about who our heroes are. The children were really thoughtful and came up with some lovely reasons for what could make someone a hero. Here is the link if you would like to continue this at home: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/joinin/your-black-history-heroes>

Our learning this week

Our Gingerbread man is still sneaking around and even made an appearance in Spanish! He left us a letter this week asking for our help to find his missing sound buttons, so we've been helping him out using clipboards and pencils searching for the missing sounds around EY. He even left us the storybook for us to share.

We have continued with our phonics work this week with the phonemes (sounds) **g** and **k** and have introduced our first tricky word **l**. We have revisited our sounds **s, a, t, p, i, n, c, d, m, o,** and **g** and are listening for these sounds at the beginning of words. We continue to work on our letter formation, focusing on the curly **c** letters as these all start the same way (**c, a, s, d** and **g**).

In our maths lessons, we have been using five frames to count a quantity of objects and compare two sets of numbers. We have been using the language: fewer, more, less, bigger, smaller, same and equal.

In P.E this week the children have continued to work on teamwork and co-ordination, playing ball games in pairs. They had to work together to put their tennis balls onto the correct coloured cones.

With Mrs Gatiss, the children had their first go at writing in Spanish. They drew themselves and wrote 'Me llamo...'

Tapestry

We hope you are enjoying seeing just a little of what happens during our busy days in Early Years. Thank you again for sharing your fabulous work at home! The children certainly enjoy sharing it with each other. We have changed it slightly and will now share the homework over two days (Thursday and Friday).

Reading

From Monday, the children will be bringing a reading book home. Due to Covid restrictions, this book will come home on a Monday and will need to stay at home until Friday. We ask you to return it so we can quarantine all the books over the weekend, ready for a new book to come home again on the

following Monday. We ask that you read this book a minimum of three times. This repetition is to improve confidence, fluency and sight recognition. The books, which come home to you, are intended to be at a level, which is accessible and easy for them to read to promote a love of reading and improve fluency. To develop reading skills please discuss the front cover, the pictures, make predictions and retell the story. In school, we will be reading at a more challenging level. This is done through direct phonics teaching, phonics games, word level work and reading books. We will continually assess their phonics to ensure they are reading at the appropriate level.

For the first week, the children will all bring home a 'Lilac' reading book. Don't be alarmed that this does not have any words. This is to develop their story telling, vocabulary and to encourage them to make predictions about the story using pictures and inference.

Homework



Can you go on a number hunt? What numbers can you find? Encourage the children to look for numbers in their immediate environment or perhaps if you go out to the shops. Remember to put any pictures and comments on Tapestry for us to share next week.



Lunches

Next week we will be on a new lunch menu and next week will be week 1.

Please remember to send in a named water bottle each day as the children use these at lunchtime as well as during the day.

Contacting us

Unfortunately, we are not able to invite you in to school under the current Covid restrictions but you can email us at earlyyears@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk if you have any issues or queries and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Alternatively, you can contact the office at admin@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Richardson Mrs Gillett Mrs Baynes Mrs Eccles

