



HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL EARLY YEARS NEWSLETTER Friday 09th October 2020



Where did that week go?

We've had yet another wonderful week and the sun has even been shining on us! The children have been exploring the outside area and are still keen to trap the cheeky Gingerbread Man before he gets up to any more mischief! It's only October, but we've been busy designing Christmas cards as part of 'The School Christmas Card Project' kindly run by our PTA to raise funds for school. These will have your child's artwork on them and will be heading your way in the near future for you to purchase and send to your nearest and dearest.

Our learning this week

Our literacy this week is still linked to the story of the Gingerbread Man and the children have been learning to listen for the sounds in cvc words. We've looked at the animals that he met on his travels and segmented and blended to write; cat, dog and pig.

We have continued with our phonics work this week with the phonemes (sounds) **e, u** and **r g** and **k** and have introduced the tricky words **to** and **the**. We have revisited our sounds **s, a, t, p, i, n, c, d, m, o, g** and **k** and are listening for these sounds at the beginning of words. We are now learning to read some cv and cvc words such as; **it, as, at** and **and**. Ask the children to show you their 'robot arms' as they segment and blend to read.

In our maths lessons, we have been subitising (recognizing an amount without counting) and then comparing amounts. We are encouraging the children to use the language; more, fewer, less and equal.

It has been World Maths Day this week so we had a day filled with lots of maths games and fun! We played some energetic games outside. The children loved trying to beat the teachers trying to get the bean bags into a large hoop before we could get them all back in the bucket. We counted at the end by lining them up to see who had won. We had to have a few goes as the children kept beating us!

In P.E this week, the children have continued to work on teamwork with a focus on speed and accuracy whilst playing ball games in pairs. They had to work together to get the most tennis balls into the correct hoop.

With Mrs Gatiss, they have been learning to count to five in Spanish and have been practising talking to each other using the phrases they have learned so far.

Reading

We hope you enjoyed sharing your first book at home. It can be harder than it seems to tell a story with no words! Please ensure that the children bring their book, reading diary and folder back into school each Friday so we can ensure they have a new book ready to come home with them on the following Monday. We continually assess the children's phonics knowledge and the books we send home will be at a level, which is accessible and enjoyable for them to read with you. Please write in the reading diary each time you read them.

Homework

We've been talking in school about how the Gingerbread Man in the story could have avoided getting gobbled up by the sneaky fox. Once we had established that The Gingerbread Man can't swim, the children came up with the idea that if there had been a bridge The Gingerbread Man would have been able to get across the river. For their homework, please could the children make or draw a bridge. This could be with junk modelling (boxes, tubes etc..) Lego, Duplo or any other construction toys but if they would rather draw and colour a bridge that would be great too. Please upload any work to Tapestry for us to share with everyone next week.

Forest School

On Thursday next week, it will be our turn to take part in Forest Schools. This is a wonderful opportunity, which the children always thoroughly enjoy. It is run on-site by the fabulous Mr Hadfield. The children will need to arrive in school in suitable clothing and footwear. We recommend old joggers or trousers, t-shirts, jumpers and a warm coat. We will be outside so please send in a hat and some gloves too if the weather is chilly. Please ensure the children arrive wearing suitable footwear such as wellies or boots and send another pair of shoes in a plastic bag. We will hang these on their peg ready for them to change into before lunch. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Lunches

Next week we will be on a new lunch menu and next week will be week 2.

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

