



## HARTFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL EARLY YEARS NEWSLETTER Friday 06<sup>th</sup> November 2020



### **Welcome back!**

We hope you all had a lovely week at home, everyone certainly seems to have re-charged and come back to school full of enthusiasm and energy. We have a jam-packed half term of learning and fun planned, including Bonfire night, Remembrance Day, Diwali and Christmas!

### **Our learning this week**

In English this week, we have been learning to write our names, forming our letters correctly. We were delighted to see how many of our phonemes the children remembered after a week off. We continued our phonics work this week with the phonemes (sounds) **f** and **l** and have introduced three new digraphs **ff**, **ll**, **ss** (two letters together making one sound) We have recapped the tricky words **go**, **no**, **l**, **to** and **the** and looked at what makes them tricky. We have revisited our sounds **s**, **a**, **t**, **p**, **i**, **n**, **c**, **d**, **m**, **o**, **g**, **k**, **e**, **u**, **r**, **g**, **ck**, **h** and **b** and are listening for these sounds at the beginning of words.

In our maths lessons, we have been looking at the number 3 and all the different ways we can make the number (composition). The children have been working hard to develop their understanding by looking closely at the differences between numbers and how we know when a number is more or less than another number.

In P.E this week, the children had an indoor session, travelling on, over and around the mats. They tried jumping, hopping, skipping and then made different shapes with their bodies on the mats.

With Mrs Gatiss, they have been learning to count to 10 in Spanish and played the corners game, listening for the different numbers in Spanish.

### **Forest School**

We've had a few questions about our Forest school sessions. Early Years do not have a weekly session but have the last Thursday of each half term. Don't worry; we will remind you, as it gets closer.

### **It's getting chilly**

There is definitely a chill in the air this week so please send the children in with a coat every day. A hat and gloves will be quite welcome too, as we do spend a lot of our time learning outdoors.

### **Reading**

Thank you for all your support with reading at home. We continue to read in school and continually assess their phonic knowledge to ensure they are reading at the correct level. Please try and read three times during the week so that they see the same sounds and words. This repetition really helps to consolidate their learning.



### Homework

Now that we have learned all the sounds in phase 2 (these are listed earlier in the newsletter), can you play 'Eye Spy' using some of the sounds? Remember to say the sound each letter makes rather than the name. You could make a sound poster for one of the letters, drawing or writing all the things you can find beginning with that sound.

### Lunches

Next week, we will be on week 2 on the lunch menu.

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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@hartfordprimary.cheshire.sch.uk)

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Richardson   Mrs Gillett   Mrs Baynes   Mrs Eccles

