



Reception Newsletter – 28th January 2022

Language

This week is the final week of our studies linked to the story of 'The Magic Paintbrush' by Julia Donaldson. The children have thoroughly enjoyed sharing this story. Last week we explored the behaviour of the main character, Shen, and then we retold the story in our own words using puppets and props. We also began to plan our own versions of the story. This week the children have been using these story plans to help bring their own story ideas to life! They have been working hard to remember to use finger spaces, capital letters and full stops and we have been very impressed by their creative ideas! We definitely have some budding authors in our classrooms!

Maths

Last week we consolidated our knowledge of numbers up to 5 by exploring the different ways in which we can add numbers together to make these amounts. We were delighted to see how quickly children are starting to recall these addition facts! This week our learning has taken a measure focus as we have been solving problems linked to weight and capacity. The children have been using pan balances, as well as our outside water tray, to help them make observations when measuring and describing their findings.

Phonics

Our new phonics scheme, 'Read Write Inc' is now well underway and the children appear to have adapted extremely well to our new style of teaching phonics! Next week we will be undertaking individual reading assessments with all the children in Reception in order to ensure that children are grouped appropriately and ready for the next stage of our phonics lessons, which will involve whole class and individual guided reading.

Reading

Thank you for all of your support in ensuring children are reading at home at least five times per week. We love reading with the children in school and it is lovely to see so many of our children clearly adopting a love for reading and sharing books at such an early age. Although we encourage children to change their books regularly in the classroom, we often see a number of parent comments in reading records requesting a new reading book. If your child is forgetting to change their reading book during the week, please let a member of the team know on the door in the morning and we will endeavour to make sure that this happens, rather than waiting until Thursday when we review reading record books.

Spellings

Here are our current focus spellings for this half term. If your child is able to correctly spell all of the words, why not challenge them to write them correctly within the context of a sentence?

am, and, dad, an, is, got, on, put, mum, get

Healthy Snacks

We would like to remind parents about our healthy snacks policy. Fresh fruit/vegetables are available in school every day. If you choose to send a snack from home, please ensure it consists only of fruit, vegetables, bread or toast. Please do not send breadsticks, croissants, fruit loaf or yoghurts.

Chinese New Year

Next week in Reception we will be holding our very own 'Chinese New Year Day' on Tuesday 1st February. On this day we will be learning about Chinese culture and celebrating the Year of the Tiger. We are looking forward to sharing some exciting Chinese legends, trying our hand at some Chinese calligraphy, getting creative with some wonderful Chinese crafts and even sampling some delicious Chinese food!

Isolation

Thank you for being vigilant and supporting us in our approach to protect our children against the spread of Covid. If children do test positive then online work will be posted on the 'Remote Learning' tab of the Reception page on the school website.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Reception Team