



Reception Newsletter

Friday 8th October 2021

In phonics this week we have revised the letter names learnt so far and have focused on some letter sounds in particular. This week we have focused on 'm' and 'd.' The children have played various games which helps them to recognise these initial sounds in words. We have also been practising forming these letters on whiteboards and holding pens/pencils correctly. The children have used phoneme frames to create a word with three sounds in (cvc words) using the sounds we have focused on so far (s,a,t,p,i,n,m,d).



When we have our virtual phonics evening on **Tuesday 12th October at 6.00pm** I will be talking to you about our Phonics Scheme and how we teach early reading in the EYFS. I will also explain a little about our handwriting scheme and how we teach handwriting at school too. I hope it will be a useful and interesting session for all. The Reception children have now been set up on Teams so we will send out their log in information. You can log in on Teams for our Phonics Evening using the children's log in details. This is also the platform we will be using if children need home learning work if they have to isolate at home, but only if they are well enough to work.

In our maths sessions this week the children have focused on counting up to and past 20. We have also enjoyed singing lots of different number songs such as Five Little Speckled Frogs, Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer, 10 Green Bottles etc. The children have looked at repeating patterns and discussed how they know it is a repeating pattern. They were very good at continuing the repeating patterns and spotting my mistakes! We have also used a 'Ten Frame' to count out up to ten objects.

The children have enjoyed our Harvest Topic and enjoyed creating their own version of Vincent Van Gogh's 'Wheat Field with Crows' pictures using oil pastels. They are going to look fantastic on our display!





Just a reminder that we have our first ever Woodland Learning session on **Wednesday 20th October**. I think the children will love it! I know a letter went out regarding Woodland Learning in your induction packs, before the summer holidays, which mentioned the sort of activities we will be doing and the clothes the children need to wear, but I just wanted to add a bit more again! The children are to come into school wearing their Woodland Learning clothes. Please ensure the children are already wearing their waterproofs as they come into school and bring their uniform and school shoes in a separate bag to change into afterwards. Many thanks. If children's welly boots are quite clean, they can come into school wearing the boots, if not, we can change them in school before our session. Please provide a separate plastic bag to put the welly boots in as they can get ever so muddy. A towel, spare socks and underwear would also be useful as we can get rather wet in the woods!

Here are links to some of the websites we have used this week: -

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/underwater-counting>

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/PictureMatch.html>



<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/ladybird-spots>

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Miss Dale