

Reception Newsletter

Friday 24th May 2024

In phonics this week the children have been reading Phase 4 words and reviewing words containing previous sounds learnt. We have continued to review words with 'ing' and 'ed' endings. The children have also been practising writing sentences on their whiteboards, putting their phonic skills to very good use!



In maths this week our focus has been on Maths Mastery and the children have been introduced to the Rekenreks (a sort of abacus) which they will sometimes use from now (and continue to use in KS1) for calculating. They enjoyed using them and quickly became very adept as they have been able to transfer their knowledge and skills from what they have learnt this term about making 10 and addition /subtraction.



In R.E., continuing the theme of promises and trust, we learnt about the story of Jacob and Esau and discussed the importance of keeping promises and treating people with kindness and respect. The children engaged in various activities where they had to put their trust in one another, including working as a team to lower a hoop to the ground using just one finger, allowing a friend to lead you (blindfolded!) to another part of the classroom and building up a web of trust and kindness during a class Circle Time.



The children have enjoyed various different art activities this week for a mini Art and Design Week. The children created their own fantastic monsters using wool to create their organic monster shape. Then they added detail and colour – they looked amazing! Reception have learnt about Van Gogh this year so they created a fantastic version of his famous painting ‘Starry Night’. They also took on a bridge-building challenge, using a variety of resources to build a bridge that would span across two tables and hold the weight of a toy car! They were very inventive and resourceful, using great problem-solving skills to rise to the challenge.

I have provided the children with a leaf in their bookbags this weekend. Please could the children use the leaf, like they have done previously, to share their achievements. We would like to change our ‘Celebration Tree’ and update it with new achievements. The children can add drawings or photos and write about their achievements if they like or add labels, this could be anything they are proud of, such as: riding their bike without stabilisers, cooking for the first time, doing well in an after-school club etc. Please could the leaves be returned to school by **Tuesday 4th June**. Many thanks.

Can I just remind you also that our school trip will take place on **Wednesday, 5th June?** The children should wear their school uniform for the trip with appropriate footwear, ideally, suitable trainers due to the amount of walking we will be doing. The children will be spending all day outside so they will need a coat appropriate for the weather, ideally a lightweight raincoat. If it is hot, please make sure that your child is wearing sunscreen and has a sun hat.

Please can you ensure that your child has spare clothes in their rucksack in case of an accident (even if they do not normally have accidents), knickers, pants, socks and shorts/dress.

They will also need a packed lunch and two non-fizzy drinks (one of these drinks must be water, the other can be a carton of juice), in a plastic or paper bag (which can be disposed of after lunch) and a fruit snack to have in the morning when we arrive at the park. Please can the children put everything they need into their school rucksack. We look forward to a lovely day.

Finally, thank you so much for supporting us in the Cross-channel Rowing and Olympic Bubble Run events. The children have had great fun observing and participating and we’ve also raised money which can be used to buy resources for the whole school to enjoy – everyone’s a winner!

Have a lovely half term!

Mrs McKiernan

