

Reception

NEWSLETTER

Spring Term

We hope that you all have a safe and relaxing half term and can't wait to see the children again in the New Year.

We have been busy preparing the classroom for our new topic 'Amazing Planet'. Next half term, your child will learn about rainforests. We will look at the animals we might find in the rainforest, Tribes, weather and much more!

Please remember to bring in your cardboard box during the first week back as we are going to make a 3D rainforest as part of our project lessons. The box needs to be a medium

Words of the Week

Every week we introduce the children to a new word that might be unfamiliar to them. We explore definitions, synonyms, look at pictures related to the word and try to use it as often as we can.

Please try and use these words at home with your child.

Week 1: seasons

Week 2: life cycle

Week 3: vibrant

Week 4: inspect

Week 5: endangered

Week 6: tropical

In maths ...

We are focusing on numbers to 10. We will practise the skill of 'careful counting' with numbers to 10; we will also use a 10 frame to learn how to count on.

We will continue to learn how to compare numbers and will begin to find the difference between amounts through practical activities. In geometry, we will look at positional language and the properties of shapes.

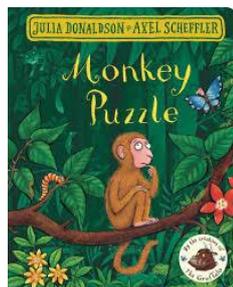
To support your child at home you could:

- Encourage them to count things around the house – can they pick up 10 toys?
- Sing lots of number songs such as 5 speckled frogs and draw attention to one less
- Ensure that they are confident and secure with recognising numerals 1-5

Our Class Book and author is:

Monkey Puzzle by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.

We read a range of books every day in Reception but this will be the text that we base some of our literacy around and look at in depth. We will learn about the authors and look at other books they have written.



December 2020

Phonics and Reading

Your child has been reassessed and will start phonics in a new group in January. Please continue reading your child's reading book with them at least three times a week.

Books are changed every Friday if a comment has been left in their yellow reading journal, so please write a short comment in their book each time they read with you.

The children are fantastic at using their 'Fred fingers' to spell out words – please continue to encourage your child to write at home. At this point in your child's development it is important that they write the sounds that they hear. They might not use the correct spelling as we haven't covered all the variations of spelling rules yet. For example, children might write wotr instead of water.

Reminders

- Please ensure that everything that your child brings to school is labelled, this avoids belongings going missing.
- Children need to bring their full indoor and outdoor PE kit every Monday and leave it at school until Friday.
- Please ensure that your child brings spare clothes to school in case they have an accident.
- Please ensure that your child only brings water into school, not squash.
- Please sign up to Google Classroom as soon as possible as this is the platform we will use in the event of a bubble closure.

School Jam

We are aware of the technical issues associated with logging on to School Jam and are working alongside Pearson UK to resolve this.

Thank you and have a wonderful Christmas!

We look forward to welcoming you back to school on 4th January 2021!

The Early Years Team.