

Reception Newsletter 11.06.21

Welcome back! We hope you had an enjoyable half term break. We have had a great return to school starting with a Mini Athletics session run by Samantha McDermott which gave us the opportunity to join in with some team games and practise our throwing skills. On Wednesday at Forest School we enjoyed marshmallow toasting on the fire and used sticks and wool to make magic wands and fishing rods.



Make sure you send your child into school in closed toes shoes on Wednesday for Forest School please!

Reading

Well done to everyone who is managing to get their child to read every day. It is so important to continue to do this so our children can practise the skills they have learnt and also grow up with a love of books. If you are struggling with reading at home please email your child's class teacher for some ideas to help.



Please make sure you bring back your Reading Card every Monday and Friday with your books. If you need a new one please send a note in.



With the arrival of the sunshine could we please ask that you provide your child with a sun hat, a bottle of water and sun cream, all clearly labelled. We have a policy that staff do not apply sun cream so please apply it before school and ensure your child is able to apply any top ups needed - staff will of course supervise and provide guidance with this if needed.

Maths

This week we have been learning about **Doubling** and next week we are learning about **Sharing**.

Sharing is splitting a group of objects fairly, e.g. 6 shared between 2 is 3 each.

Teddy Bears Picnic

Using teddy bears, plates and small quantities of 'loose parts representing food items e.g. buttons, pencils, etc. ask your child to share out the loose parts fairly so that each teddy gets the same. Are there any items left over? What will happen if another teddy joins the picnic?

Next week we are revising in phonics:



j v w x

The children will use these sounds along with other phase 3 and phase 4 clusters to read and write words and sentences.

Learning to write the words:

like because

This week we read the book *Somebody Swallowed Stanley*, by Sarah Roberts. The story follows a plastic bag in the ocean that gets mistaken by different sea creatures as food. We talked about how harmful littering is to sea life and we went on a litter pick around the school. We were shocked to see the amount of litter we collected so we thought of ways we could stop littering and we designed some posters to remind people not to do it. Next week we will focus on recycling and take a walk to the Recycling Centre at Sainsburys.



Key vocabulary:

- Litter
- Plastic, paper, cardboard, glass,
- Environment
- Recycle, reduce, Reuse, Repair

WANTED

for our Loose Parts play:

- Spare nuts and bolts
- Plastic lids
- Corks



Ideas to do at home:

- Get your child to help you sort and make a list of the types of rubbish you have used in your house. How many items of each do you have?
- Use a book or the internet to research exciting facts about underwater creatures. Draw a picture of your chosen creature and write the most interesting fact down.

If your child completes any of the activities, please encourage them to hand it in to their teacher to share with the rest of the class.