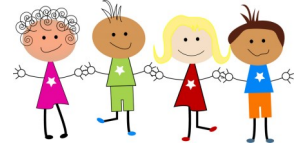
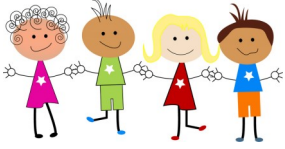


Reception Class Newsletter

Spring 2020



We would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year. We hope you all had a great Christmas. The children have really enjoyed telling us about all of the lovely presents that Santa brought them. The children have all worked extremely hard over the last term - you can be very proud of your child as they have settled into school life really well and have produced lots of amazing work.

Our Learning

We have had an extremely busy Autumn term and have produced lots of fantastic work. In Talk for Writing we learnt the story of The Little Red Hen. We then changed it as a class to The Big Orange Tiger. After retelling that story we made up our own version by changing all of the characters and the setting. Our second story was The Enormous Turnip. We changed this to The Big Orange Carrot. We had lots of fun changing the characters and vegetable in our own story. The children drew their own story memory joggers to help them retell the story.

We would like to thank The Little Red Hen for delivering lots of delicious bread from his mill to taste. It was all delicious. We had lots of fun comparing which one we liked. We have been learning about vegetables, and had our very own market stall in class. We painted pictures of the different vegetables, compared them by size and measured them.

In maths we have been practising counting objects by touching them and moving them. We have then double checked our answer. We have been sorting objects into different groups, comparing quantities of identical and non identical objects and finding one more and one less.

In PE we have been learning to travel safely in lots of different ways and avoiding objects by going around them and over them.

Our New Learning

We have got a very busy term ahead of us. Our Talk for Writing story this half term is going to be Baby Mouse which is based on We're Going on a Bear Hunt. The children have started to make their own memory joggers, so ask them to retell the story to you. We will be linking lots of our learning to the story. We will be learning about teddy bears, cold weather including snow and ice and animals that live in cold climates. In maths we will be learning about time including the sequence of the day and what happens before and after events. We will be learning our number bonds up to 5 for example all the different ways to make 4 eg $2+2=4$, $3+1=4$, comparing groups of objects up to 10, addition to 10, number bonds to 10 and then 2D and 3D shapes.

Doodle Maths

DoodleMaths is a brilliant resource for supporting children's learning across all areas of maths. Please encourage your child to use this app daily, little and often works best. If you are having difficulty logging in from home, or linking your email to your child's account, please ask for help. Although it may be very tempting to give your child the answer, if they are unsure please let them have a go independently. Otherwise it will make further questions too difficult. Thanks for your support.

Number Bonds

Please have a go at helping your child learn their number bonds. Start with all the different ways to make 3 eg $1+2=3$, $3+0=3$, then move to 4 and then 5. You can use objects to help them with their understanding.

Story Time

The children are having a go at making up their own story by using characters and a magic object. You could have a go at home instead of reading a story. Have a small world character and an object and see if you can make up your own story.

Physical Development

We will continue to have PE every Thursday. Please keep practising getting dressed and undressed with your child – We are getting there with fastening our buttons. Can you please encourage your child to get dressed at home independently. If your child has long hair please tie it back and remove any earrings.

Story Language

We have been using the following language when retelling a story. You could use it in your retelling at home: Once upon a time, long, long ago, early one morning, on the way, who, so, but, next, after that, suddenly, eventually, finally. Also think about the characters, setting and problem in the story.

Reading Books

Thank you for your support at home with reading. By reading just 10 minutes a night can have a massive impact on progress. Please remember to sign your reading record to say that you have read at home, unfortunately we will be unable to change the book if it hasn't been signed. Thanks for your support with this.

Help at Home

Any help at home is really appreciated and can be invaluable. Please continue to help your child with number recognition to 10 and then to 20. We hope you found the Wonderful Word books useful. Please use these to read and write words and sentences. We will be adding to those throughout the year. Remember to ensure your child is holding their pencil correctly at all times. For Kinetic Letters please help your child build a strong body by using the animal positions when you can. They are Penguin, Meerkat, Lizard, Stone Lion and Strong Gorilla – your child will be able to show you these – have a go yourself too.

Water Bottles

Could children remember to bring their water bottles each day. Can we ask that they aren't put in book bags in case they leak and that they only contain water.



Uniform

Thank you for labelling your uniforms – Can we ask that you check it to ensure that the labels haven't faded or come off. Children need to bring a coat into school each day, as we are outside in all weathers. Could you please label their coat too.

Christmas Play

Well done to all of the children for their magical Christmas performance. We were so proud of them and I think they are all going to be actors and singers when they grow up! Thank you for supporting them by coming to watch.

Lunchtime

Could you please complete the form for your child's choice of lunch and send it in each Monday. The children have enjoyed trying a range of new foods and have become really independent in the dinner hall.



Family Learning

We will be arranging a family learning session for next half term. We will invite you in to come and spend some time with your child to do some exciting activities. We understand you may work, so we are happy for Grandparents to come too. We will be sending details out in the near future. Please come and speak to us if ever you have any questions, worries or concerns. We are here to help and really want you and your child to enjoy their time in Reception. My email address is lmelia@ridge.dudley.sch.uk and we welcome any photos emailed to us from home to share with the other children. Many thanks for all of your help and support, it is really appreciated.

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