

Class R Newsletter

Wednesday 4th November 2020

Dear parents, carers and children,

Welcome back after half term. The children have all settled back into school life so well.

Topic work

Our topic this half term is 'Colour and light.' We will be learning about Bonfire night, remembrance day, Diwali, Elmer and Christmas.

English

Reading

- Continuing to recognise and say the set one sounds we learnt last half term
- Hear and say initial sounds in words
- Some children will move onto set 2 sounds
- Reading CVC words
- Reading lots of stories for enjoyment

Writing

- Make marks and give meanings to them
- Write the set one sounds as we learn them
- Write the initial sound of words
- Write set 2 sounds as we learn them
- Write CVC words
- Begin 'have a go' writing

Mathematics

Number

- Recognise numerals to 6-10
- Counting to 20 in 1's from 0
- Ordering numbers to 10
- Matching numerals to the correct amount of objects up to 10
- Writing numerals to 10
- Counting up to 10 objects
- Recognising and using numicon pieces
- Looking at addition and ways to make amounts up to 10
- Looking at more than and less than numbers to 10
- Doubles to 10 ($1+1 = 2$ / $2+2 = 4$ etc)

Shape, Space and Measure

- Compare and order objects according to size and height
- Looking at coins 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p and ways to make amounts (6p can be made with a 5p and a 1p)
- Looking at 2D shapes – recognizing them, naming them and describing their properties
- Recognizing and describing patterns
- Continuing repeating patterns

PE

We will not be having PE this half term. More details will follow. Please encourage your child to dress and undress themselves whenever possible.

Religious Education

Mrs Jones will teach RE and Music on a Thursday afternoon during my PPA. This unit of work for RE will be based around Christianity and the birth of Jesus.

Dough Disco

Dough disco is an activity used with the children in our class to prepare them for writing. Dough disco involves using playdough to music, copying the specific hand movements of the teacher on the interactive whiteboard focusing on different areas of the fingers and hands. Manipulating playdough helps to strengthen hand muscles and develop control over the fingers. Snipping playdough sausages helps develop scissor cutting skills. Ask the children to show you how we do dough disco in reception class. Go to YouTube and search dough disco – Shonette Bason!

Morning Routines

The children have all been amazing coming into school on their own each morning. They have all been wonderful at using magnetic letters to make their names, then trace them and finally write them independently. The children can all do this now which is brilliant. We now have a blank sheet each day for the children to write their names looking carefully at forming the letters correctly and maybe even beginning to look at writing their surname!

Please, feel free to contact us, via the school office or tapestry, if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Egan and Mrs Jones

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