

Reception -

This week in Reception we have started our new topic of 'People Who Help Us'. We have started the topic by looking at people who help us in school and writing a list of these people. In all classes we have enjoyed exploring different occupations in our role play areas from firefighters to doctors.

In Maths we have been learning to find one more than a given number using objects and our fingers.

We have started to practise for our Christmas show and have enjoyed practising the songs we are going to sing to you. Some of us will have lines to practise so please check your child's diary.

A reminder to all parents could you please return the slip for the Christmas decoration afternoon as orders are being placed next week.

Also a quick reminder that our 'When I grow up I would like to be' dress up day is on the 29th November.

HOMEWORK

Reading at least 5 times a week and practising sounds and words, and reading diary signed and dated.

Year 1 -

This week we have continued to use 'The Three Little Pigs' traditional tale as a writing stimulus for our English Curriculum. The children told the story to a partner and then wrote the story in their own words. They worked really hard to write in sentences, to use finger spaces and to remember capital letters and full stops.

In Maths this week we have been practising our addition skills using numbers to 100. We have been learning to 'count on' using a number line or a 100 square.

In Science we have been continuing with our topic on materials. We have been on a materials hunt around school looking for items made from wood, glass, fabric, plastic, metal and paper.

The children have been using straw, sticks and paper in Art to make collages of the three little pig's houses.

As always thank you for doing the reading homework. Please try and ensure that your child has read four or more times in order to be in with a chance of winning the reading challenge

Thank you for all your support.

HOMEWORK

Reading: at least 4 times a week and reading diary signed and dated.

Year 2 -

In Maths this week we have been learning about the names and properties of 2D shapes (circle, triangle, square, rectangle, hexagon, pentagon, octagon).

We have talked about the number of sides, and vertices (corners) that different shapes have

e.g. a circle has one curved side

a triangle has 3 straight sides and 3 vertices (corners)

a square has 4 straight sides of equal length and 4 vertices(corners)

We have compared the properties of different 2D shapes, and sorted them by their properties using Venn or Carroll diagrams.

We have also learnt about symmetry and found the line of symmetry on 2D shapes.

In English, as part of our grammar work, we have been learning about the four different types of sentences.

A statement tells the reader something and ends with a full stop.

A question asks the reader something and ends with a question mark.

A command tells the reader to do something and ends with a full stop.

An exclamation begins with "what" or "how", contains a verb and a noun, and ends with an exclamation mark
e.g. What a cold day it is! How exciting that story was!

We have practised our skills and tried to include all four types of sentences in a piece of writing about the Gunpowder Plot.

We have also started practising for our Christmas concert.

If your child has words to learn in their reading diary, please can they practise at home so that they can recite them loudly and clearly.

Well done to Sycamore who won the Reading Homework Challenge. We hope that they enjoy their special reward.

Homework

Reading is homework and the children should be reading to an adult at least 4/5 times a week, and reading diaries signed and dated. Please make sure that your child is doing this as it makes a considerable difference to their progress in reading, particularly if they talk and answer questions about what they have read.

Spellings: Written below are the phoneme/graphemes that the children will be practising next week. Please practise these at home too.

Alternative spellings of igh and f phonemes

e.g.	light	bright	delight
	try	fly	replying
	drive	strike	describe
	phone	graph	dolphin
	fix	flap	feel
	off	cliff	huff

Tricky words -some, come, who, were, very, I'm, by, time

