

Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 26.09.22

Term 1 topic- Who am I? Who are my family?

Our story of the week- 'Anna Hibiscus' song' by Atinuke Lauren Tobia



What a busy week it has been! The children have really settled into school life and we are so proud of every one of them! We will try to keep you updated with everything that is going on in class so that you can talk to your children about what they have been learning.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development- In class we have been talking about expectations, praising good manners and making the right choices. Setting expectations from the very start ensures the children are aware of what is required and enables them to feel secure. The children are settling well into the routines and boundaries in Reception and are enjoying exploring their new surroundings. We have also been using our listening skills and remembering our school rules - be ready, be respectful and safe.

We started our jigsaw sessions this week. These sessions help us listen to and respond to one another appropriately. They assist us with expressing our feelings and help us get to know each other. This week we looked at different toys around the class and discussed which we liked and why. The children were asked if they have any of these toys or if they have different toys at home. Just like these toys we are all different. We are unique but part of our class family. This is what makes our school a wonderful place to be.

Communication and Language- We have had lots of discussions about ourselves this week and have been thinking about who is in our family. Thank you for your participation in sticker homework this week... 'Tell me what makes me happy.' The children were so keen to tell us what you had told them.

Physical Development-

We have enjoyed using a variety of equipment on our playground and the didi cars have been very popular. We love the outdoors in Reception and use it every day. In PE this week we learnt that it is important to warm up our muscles before we start exercising. We pretended we were getting on our bikes, putting our helmets on and moving around the hall. We then practised lots of different skills, such as marching and running on the spot, balancing on one leg and moving forwards, backwards and sideways. We listened to the song 'I'm riding on my bike' and practised moving in different ways to the music. We galloped, took giant strides, hopped, ran and then chose our own way of travelling. We reflected on what we were especially good at and what we thought we needed to practise.

Ask us about Gonoodle! This is a fun activity break which helps us move around and makes us think! We love banana banan meatball!

We also started dough disco this week. This strengthens the muscles in our fingers and hands to develop our fine motor skills, and help us draw and write. We have a little ball of playdough and manipulate it with our fingers and hands to music! Great fun!

Literacy- We have loved reading and exploring our story of the week, 'Anna Hibiscus' song,' and have enjoyed our end of day stories. The children are also enjoying using our book corners to share stories and information books with their friends. We are very excited about starting our phonics sessions next week!

Mathematics- We are loving our maths sessions. We have been counting in a circle, recognising our numerals to 10 and using our fingers to represent different numbers. Maths in Reception is very practical and we use lots of different resources to develop our understanding of maths concepts and to extend our learning. We had fun sorting socks into pairs and we also thought about different ways to sort some compare bears - by size, colour, texture etc. We also used our 5 frames (cards with 5 boxes in a line). These help the children to understand quantity. We used them to compare quantities using different objects. We also used our numicon which is a colourful resource that helps the children to understand the concept of number.

Understanding the World- We have enjoyed using the interactive whiteboard on various programmes. We had our first woods session this week! Oh what fun we had, exploring and investigating! We look forward to spotting changes in the woods each week. Autumn is definitely on its way!

Expressive Arts and Design- We are a very creative bunch in Reception. We have looked carefully in the mirror to make super collage faces. We also love to explore paint freely and we painted our hands to print... lovely and messy! We enjoyed our book of the week, 'Anna Hibiscus' so much, we created a picture from the book using pastels and collage. We also used pastel crayons on black paper to draw the members of our family. Our role play areas are busy every day and a great way to develop communication and interaction between the children.

Supporting Learning at home

- Challenge your child to dress and undress themselves!
- Challenge them to put on their coat and fasten their shoes!
- Talk about what you did at the weekend so your child finds it easier to remember what they can draw and write about on Monday!
- Talk about the numbers you can see when you are out and about - for example door numbers, prices in shops.

Notes for next week 3.10.22

- Remember coats, book bags and water bottles (with only water in please) to be in school every day.
- Friday is woods day. Please ensure your child has a coat and wellingtons (or appropriate footwear) in school. Legs need to be covered with long trousers, leggings or tights.

Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend!