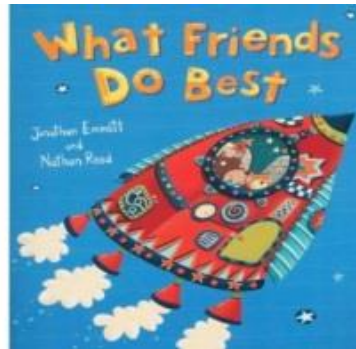


Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 25.09.23

Term 1 topic- Who am I?

Our story of the week- 'What Friends Do Best' by Jonathan Emmett and Nathan Reed.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development- Jigsaw aims to prepare our children for life, helping them to really know and value who they are and understand how they relate to other people in our ever changing world. This week the theme is Being me at School. We thought about how important it is to work together as part of a class team and make sure everyone is helping at tidy up time. We discussed how we would feel if someone did not share and why we should look after our classrooms and equipment. We decided it was much more fun to work as a team to get our jobs done.

We have also been using our listening skills, concentrating on taking turns with our friends as we play together and remembering to say 'please' and 'thank you'.

Communication and Language- We have continued our discussions about ourselves this week and thought about how to be a good friend. Thank you for your participation in sticker homework this week. The children were so keen to tell us about what you had told them they like to do with their friends. We enjoyed talking about what Barnaby Bear had been up to.

Physical Development- We love being active at outside time and we have explored the climbing equipment this week. We had such fun climbing and swinging on the bars! We are very good at 'Squiggle' now, we have so much fun and it is great for developing our gross motor movements. This week we started Toast Tuesday and we've had so much fun. The children made toast, spread their own toppings and cut the toast in half before having wonderful conversations with their 'toast mates!' I think we will look forward to Toast Tuesday every week.

Literacy- Our teachers are very impressed with how hard we are concentrating in our daily phonics lessons. This week we continue to practise the sounds we learnt last week, ('m', 'a' and 's') and the new sounds we learnt this week were, 'd', 't' and 'i'. We are learning to recognise and write the sounds and are helping Fred Frog put sounds together to make words, 'd-a-d, dad' or 't-i-p, tip' or 'm-a-d, mad'. Ask us why it is so important to learn phonics.... In bookbags today you will have received a sheet letting you know the phonemes (sounds) we have been learning. Please practise these with your children at home. We encourage the children to say the

rhyme as they write the letters. We are learning the sounds to help us to begin reading and writing.

We continue to look at a variety of fiction and non-fiction books and share them with our friends in our book areas.

Mathematics- We enjoy exploring the maths areas in our classrooms and we are very excited to have started our focussed maths sessions this week. We enjoy singing counting songs and matching and sorting objects. In our classrooms we have Numicon, which are number shapes that help us to develop an understanding of how different numbers are created and what they represent. This week we have been exploring which Numicon pieces represent which numbers by counting the number of holes. We thought it was very exciting when the pieces were hidden in our outside area and we needed to find the matching pieces.

Understanding the World- We are enjoying exploring different items on our investigation tables and have begun to spot lots of changes in the world about us. We are noticing that the leaves on the trees are changing colour and beginning to fall! Some children have also brought in conkers to show the class. We need our coats on when playing outside now as we have noticed the weather getting cooler.

Expressive Arts and Design- We were very busy on the art table this week. We had fun painting using cotton buds and drawing pictures of our friends on black paper using oil pastels'. We love our singing assemblies. This week we have been learning 'when I grow up' from Matilda the musical!

Supporting learning at home



- Can you remember and write down all the sounds you have learnt so far ('m', 'a', 's', 'd', 't', 'i')?
- Challenge your child to dress themselves and to put on their coat and fasten their shoes!
- Find something autumnal to put on the interest table.
- Practise holding your pencil correctly when writing and drawing.

Notes for next week 2.10.23

- Coats and water bottles to be in school every day.
- PE is on Wednesday. Please make sure your child has a PE kit at school.
- Some children have lost their named jumpers and cardigans. Please can you check the ones you have at home.
- We are holding a quick introduction to phonics in the classroom after school on Wednesday 4th October where we will be showing you how to help your child to read before they are reading books. Please stay if you can.
- Stay and Play phonics sessions on Monday 9th, Wednesday 11th and Friday 13th October starting at 9.15am. Please sign up on the sheet outside the classroom.

Have a lovely weekend Everyone!