

Reception Newsletter

Weeks Beginning 25.03.24

Our story of the week- The Easter

Story



What a busy week we have had - looking out for signs of spring on our school grounds, making Easter cards and chocolate birds' nests!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development- We are practicing sorting out little problems on our own and using our kind words. In Jigsaw last week we continued to think about how we stay healthy. We talked about the importance of using soap and hot water to wash things and what can happen when we don't wash our hands properly. We know we don't want to catch each other's germs. We also talked about stranger danger and how we mustn't talk to people we do not know.

Communication and Language- We are a very chatty bunch and love to discuss things in our class on the carpet, and during choosing a job time, inside and outside. We know that if we listen to each other, we may learn something we didn't know! This week we really enjoyed chatting about Spring and how the world around us is changing. We also talked about The Easter Story and had some interesting discussions about how Easter is celebrated around the world.

Physical Development- During outside play we have used various equipment on the playground e.g. space hoppers, scoops and balls, bats and balls, ankle skippers and footballs. We know the importance of keeping ourselves fit and healthy and enjoy using the equipment to improve our skills and become stronger and fitter. In PE we have begun to explore counterbalance. We sat on the floor and saw how far forwards, sideways and backwards we could lean before losing balance. We also explored balancing with a partner and tried hard not to let go and to work together. We continue to develop our fine motor skills by exploring play dough, practicing our handwriting on white boards, cutting and using various building and constructing toys.

Literacy- We enjoyed drawing and writing about what we might see in the spring and have done lots of independent writing around the classroom. We have also written in our Easter cards. We are doing lots of reading in our reading groups or individually. The teachers have completed another phonics assessment and are pleased to see lots of progress. Please continue to read your child's reading books with them over the holidays.

Mathematics- We continue to use our maths knowledge in the class and outside, in a variety of activities. We know that maths is everywhere! Ask us what we know! We have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, working out one and one less than a number and practised doubling and halving numbers. Ask us about 3D shapes and their properties. Why does a sphere roll? Ask us the different ways of making 7 or maybe a number problem. We really enjoyed working out all the different number bonds to ten using Numicon and are beginning to remember some of these number facts. We like working things out! Over the last couple of weeks, we have been consolidating our maths learning and making sure we have a secure understanding of what we have been taught. Our teachers have assessed us and are pleased with the progress they have seen.

Understanding the World- We have loved watching clips on YouTube of eggs hatching and have learnt a lot about the process, what and how it happens. Now that we have spotted some signs of Spring, we are hoping that Spring is finally here, and the weather gets a little warmer! We do like the frost and wrapping up in our layers, but we are ready to take off our scarves and gloves! We learnt about the Easter story this week and talked a little about the Bible.

Expressive Arts and Design- Over the past two weeks we have used various techniques in our Easter art activities – printing, collage, using forks to paint – ask us how we did this! We also love to use a variety of materials and resources to make various things. We are very creative! We love singing Spring Chicken (on YouTube).

Don't forget to have a look at the photos on the website from this term.

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Supporting learning at home

- Practice writing numerals to twenty.
- Practice letter formation in families – coadgqsef, litujy, rnmhbkp, vwzx.
- Explore the different ways of making numbers to ten, using counters or buttons. How to make 6... 1 and 5, 2 and 4, 3 and 3 etc, can you spot any patterns in the numbers?
- Write about something you did in the holidays, draw a picture and bring it into school!

Notes for after the Holidays: 15.04.24

- Our Minibeast Zoolab visit is the first week back on Wednesday 17th April. We also have Dink Ponies visiting us on Friday 19th April. Please let me know if your child has an allergy or you would rather, they didn't participate.



- Have a lovely holiday. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 15th April 2024. Don't eat too many chocolate eggs!

Have a lovely holiday and we wish you a Happy Easter!