

Reception Newsletter



Friday 2nd October 2020

Our golden promises

We promise to be...

Respectful (look after everyone and everything), **Thoughtful and caring** (be kind, listen to others and use good manners), **Friendly** (share, play together and be happy), **Enthusiastic** (be excited learners) **Ambitious** (be the best you can be)

This week

In phonics, we started to think about what makes a good listener. We used our listening ears to pick up sounds all around us and played a game to identify a variety of sounds such as a train, the wind, a door creaking. We will need these skills when we start to learn the sounds that go with letters of the alphabet. In maths we looked at numbers that are special to us. We talked about our ages, door numbers and birthday dates. With some help from the adults all the children wrote down their date of birth to add to the class calendars on the wall. It was Receptions first PE session this week and there was a great deal of enthusiasm for this. We used the school hall where we learnt all about using space safely and effectively. Back in the classroom, we looked at one of our areas of learning – mark making and explored all the resources that are there such as pens, paper, envelopes, magnetic letters and talked about what kind of learning we could do there. This discussion made lots of children very enthusiastic to make their marks and give meaning to them as well. There were lot of letters and messages being written.

Next week:

In maths we will start to practise counting and begin our journey into the world of numbers. We will start at the very beginning with number 1. We will be thinking about what does number one really mean, how can we show it, how can we make it, how can we write it. In phonics we will exploring instrumental sounds and we shall have lots of noisy fun with different instruments thinking about the sounds they make, copying patterns and rhythms. We will start to send a reading book home next week. There will be an additional letter sent out about this with more detailed information about how this will work. In our COOL (create our learning time) time, there will opportunities to develop our new friendships by getting to know each other more. In our outdoor area we will have some bikes out to practise the physical skills of balance and control.

Ideas to explore at home:

- Look at the different kinds of numbers that are all around us. What number is your house, how many numbers are in your mobile number, what numbers are on the car number plate? Where else can you find different numbers?

Other bits:

- Children will be able to have a hot lunch next week. There is also a vegetarian choice. Please look at the menu with your child in the morning before school so they know what they want to have. Choosing their hot lunch is the same as it has been with packed lunch and school packed lunch - putting their leopard / Tiger name on the right part of the display. We will put some pictures of this on Tapestry this weekend for you to look at together before Monday.
- Can you ensure that your child has a bag to come to school from now on (they will need to carry reading books home every week). This can be a book bag or a backpack

Have a great weekend. , The Reception team