

Reception Newsletter



Friday 9th 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 maths this week we have been looking at matching and sorting items. We used different objects of colour, shape and sorted them into groups and looked at how we had sorted them, We had a lot of fun sorting the children into groups of children with jumpers, no jumpers, trousers, skirts. In phonics we have been using musical instruments to listen to different sounds, match them to an instrument and use them to listen and copy rhythms. We used our bodies to create sounds as well, thinking about how we could replicate the sound of a drum with a part of our body. We have further explored our learning environment looking at the construction and home corner areas. The children thought about what learning we do in these areas, how we do it and how we can make it even better. In both areas we have talked about using our imaginations. Of course we also talked about how to respect these areas and look after everything by choosing it, using it and putting it away. We have made tidy up time easier by labelling and shadowing different resources in these areas.

Next week:

Autumn, albeit a wet one, has arrived and we will be exploring all the signs of this season, thinking about the changes that happen and some of the treasures we might find. We will head out for an autumn wellie walk to see what we can see, hear, smell and find. We shall be reading a story called 'Pumpkin soup' which is very autumnal but also about friendship and how to manage different friendships and taking turns. In phonics we will be exploring rhyme and playing around with words to hear the rhymes and patterns of language. In the children's COOL (create our own learning time) time there will be opportunities to create some musical instruments outside using natural materials.

Celebration assembly

Every week, the whole school has a celebration assembly, an opportunity to celebrate all the learning and achievements that have happened through the week. Reception will join Miss Robinson later in the term for this assembly but for the moment we are having our own one on a Friday in our classes. In our celebration time, there is a 'Star of the week' certificate, awarded to someone who has really shown some great skills, thinking, and learning or really showed us the Golden values. We also celebrate all the children who have been on gold in the week. It is not just achievements in school we like to celebrate so if you child has done something outside of school such as sponsored walk or bike ride or earned a swimming certificate, please share it with on Tapestry and we can share this with everyone in our celebration assembly.

Ideas to explore at home:

- Can you sort items in the home. Can you sort socks into 2 or more groups (plain, pattern, children's, adults). Sort the cutlery in the drawer, sort your toys – how will you do it? By colour? By shape By size By design?
- Enjoy reading your library book from school. Please return it if you are ready on Monday.

Other bits:

- ❖ A letter about reading books will have been emailed out today. There will be a library book in your child's bag today. Books will be returned and sent home on Mondays and Friday only.
- ❖ School photos are next week – Thursday. Please ensure your child has their school jumper or cardigan for this.