

Reception Newsletter



Friday 8th October 2021

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)

This week

We have been exploring in a bit more detail some of the areas of learning in the Reception bases. We looked at the mark making area. We looked at what kind of resources this area has to help us with early writing, resources such as different kinds of pens, paper, mini blackboards, letter magnets and envelopes. Then we received a friendly letter from the children in Year 1 and we wanted to write back but for many of us we do not have enough letters and sounds to write so we used some symbols and gave each symbol its own meaning - whatever we wanted it to be. *Please see an example of how to encourage early writing through mark making on Tapestry.* This motivated and encouraged a lot of children to start 'writing' and this week has been full of messages to friends and to adults. In phonics this week we have been developing our listening skills around instrumental sounds, using our bodies to create different sounds, listening to rhythms and trying to copy them, listening to story which had lots of voice sounds in it (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9XkghKirOm8>) and singing. In maths we have been using our observation skills to match objects and also sort different objects by as many different criteria as possible. There were plenty of opportunities to practise this in COOL time.

Next week:

Reception will join a whole school celebration assembly on Monday morning via Zoom. We will be able to celebrate our weekly achievements with the whole school from now on. We will be talking about autumn next week and looking for the signs that autumn is here. We will go for an autumnal welly walk. We will also be reading a story that is linked to harvest and using this story to learn about story mapping and being able to retell the story using actions.

Dates for the diary

Thursday 14th - Flu immunisations in school

Ideas to explore at home:

Maths: What can you sort? Can you match the socks in the washing basket? Can you sort the socks? How will you sort them? By pattern? By colour? Puzzles are a great way to practise sorting and matching skills.
Mark making: Write a message or a card to someone. What do you want to say? Give meaning to your marks.

Other bits:

Phonics workshops (dates in school newsletter) – These workshops will be an opportunity to see how we teach phonics and early reading and feel more confident to support the reading process at home.

Have a great weekend. , The Reception team