



Reception Weekly Newsletter

Term: Autumn Term 2 Week: 2 Week ending: 13.11.2020

Literacy

This week we explored a lovely story called 'Leaf Man' by Lois Ehlert. The children then showed fantastic creativity as they created their own leaf character or object. Once they were finished, we encouraged the children to label their picture using their phonic knowledge. The children made good use of the natural materials brought in from their half-term homework task; so thank you very much for collecting and sending the autumnal objects in! If you want to read leaf man together at home, here is the link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvAK2hxN>

Maths

This week the children have been working on the number 3. We have looked closely at forming the numeral, writing the word and finding one more and one fewer / less than 3. We explored and sorted 3 sided shapes and used these to make picture and used our part-part-whole frames to show number bonds of 3 (how we can make 3) such as 2 and 1, 3 and 0. The children are showing real understanding of the numbers and are enjoying exploring them in detail.

Expressive Arts & Design

The children have been colour mixing with autumn coloured paint this week and using this to print with leaves. They were looking at the patterns made by the leaves and making repeated patterns of their own. We also discussed a variety of different names for the autumn colours of red, orange, yellow, green, brown and purple. Ask your child if they can remember them all!

Understanding the World

We continued to learn about the season of autumn and the changes that we see at this time in the environment around us. We compared these to the other seasons and discussed what the children notice in nature at those particular times of the year. We also took a photograph of the huge blossom tree in our outdoor area so we can compare this as the year goes on. The children enjoyed sorting autumn objects and practising their fine motor skills by threading leaves to make repeated patterns on string.

Home Learning

This week we do not have anything that needs to be returned so we have kept the homework books and have sent out resources in the homework folder.

Ongoing home learning

Letter formation workbook - g, o, c, k.

As this is multiple pages - this does not need to be stuck in the homework book but can be kept at home to work through little and often through the week or in the green homework folder.

Phoneme and tricky word flashcards

This week these are **g, o, c, k and 'go'**

Please cut up these cards and store in the plastic home learning wallet. Again you can keep this at home or in book bags so you are able to access daily.

This week's home learning

Number 3 talk homework

As mentioned last week - this will be available for you to view on Google classroom (You should have received a Parent App message with a reminder for how to access this today). Please do your best to accept the invitation, as you will need to use this to access learning for your child in the event of self-isolation or bubble closure.

Phonics

This week's phonemes are

g, o, c, k and our new tricky word is **'go'**.

The children have been practising their letter formation this week using the whiteboards and have been trying so hard. Out pre-cursive handwriting seems really difficult at first, so don't worry if your child is reluctant to 'have a go'. Soon enough the children will get the hang of it and will be putting their 'whooshes' and 'flicks' everywhere!

Christmas Collective Worship

Christmas, especially in school is fast approaching and we have started to think about our Christmas Collective Worship. This year unfortunately things will not be how they normally would be but we are still able to celebrate the nativity together. This will be on Tuesday 8th December and this will be filmed in school and will be available for parents to download from the school website. Today, we have allocated our roles and these will consist of narrators to tell the story and the children who will act out the parts. If your child is a narrator, the lines that your child will need to learn have gone out in their homework folders tonight. We are allowing the children to come dressed on the day in a costume of their choice from the Christmas story (excluding Mary or Joseph). If your child is not a narrator, their roles will come home on Monday and **all** children will bring home a letter detailing which part they are in order for you to either to provide a specific costume or to get one of their choice. Sadly, we are unable to have singing but the songs will play throughout and we are going to teach the children actions to go alongside, we will have some children playing percussion instruments and some children with props to make it as special as possible.

Reading Books

Apologies for the repetition about reading books but we are still trying to refine our systems to ensure that the journey of your child developing their early reading skills becomes as seamless as possible. Just another reminder to **please** make sure your child's books are in their book bags every day. If not, then at least on the days that they are reading (you will have received a slip to inform you of the new day your child will read.) Both books then need to be returned on Fridays. If your child has a plastic reading wallet at home still, can you please ensure that this is sent back to school via the book bags. These wallets will no longer go home with the children but will be used in class so that during the week when the children have read, we can ensure that the same books are being returned to the same children. We do understand that after school during the week, home lives are very busy but we have noticed that many of the stickers that we have attached to the reading books after your child has read have not been stuck in to the reading record. This is really useful as it provides both teachers and parents with the opportunity to share how the children are progressing and points out any next steps or areas to target.

Also - can we ask that when you remove the sticker to be stuck in the record that you leave the paper clip on the books as this will then be used to place another sticker when another group reads with that book.

. Thank you so much for your support and co-operation with this.

Dates for your Diary

Christmas Hat Day – Friday 4th December: Donations to Nugent Care

Christmas Collective Worship – Tuesday 8th December

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 11th December: Donations for Zoe's Place

Virtual Christmas Panto – Wednesday 16th December

Christmas Party Day – Thursday 17th December

Break up for Christmas – Friday 18th December – 1pm