



Reception Weekly Newsletter

Term: Autumn Term 1

Week: 5

Week ending: 07.10.2022

Religious Education

Domestic Church - Family – Myself

This week was our final week of our 'Myself' topic. We reflected on what we have learnt so far about how much God loves us and how we are all as precious to him as babies are to their mothers. We lit the candle and thought about how we could remember this and how we would feel going forward, each time we heard our own names.

Communication & Language and Literacy

We found out some more about ourselves and each other this week when we read 'It's ok to be different' by Todd Parr which celebrates our diversity and shows our how we are all unique!

We discussed our different appearance, our likes and dislikes, whether we have pets, speak a different language, wear glasses or come from another country. The children made great observations of their peers and had some really sensible conversations. In our work books, we practiced writing our names independently, using the correct letter formation.

Maths

This week we began our Maths No Problem journey.

We discussed the different ways that we can match items. We looked at objects that were the same size, shape, colour and even things that go together such as a toothbrush and toothpaste and a bat and ball. We then moved on to matching by amounts and the children had to count the spots on the ladybirds, identify how many and then match it to another ladybird the same.

At the end of the week we looked at how we could match ourselves by our physical attributes such as height, hair and eye colour.

Phonics

We began our level 2 phonics this week and had an introduction to the Twinkl phonics family and learnt our 1st four phonemes.

We hope you have had a chance to practise naming each sound and that the children were able to recall each action and song. We have been blending and segmenting and today the children put some of the sounds together to read some words. The children have joined in enthusiastically and we are very proud of them.

Home Learning

This week we would like you to dig out some photos or artefacts from your child's Baptism that your child can share with our class. We would love you to talk about them with your child, naming any of the people on them so they can discuss with others.

Any items / photographs will be kept until the end of the topic and then safely returned.

Our baseline assessments showed us that many children could order numbers to 5 very easily but had more trouble ordering to 10 so this is our homework challenge this week. Please allow the children to try this independently and to count up on their fingers if they are unsure.

Expressive arts & design

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Thank you to all of you for accepting your evidence me invitation – you can set up an account on the website or download the app. We have sent home an instruction booklet detailing how you can add family observations of your child demonstrating their learning at home via photo, video or just a short sentence or two! We can't wait to see what fun and exciting things you can do at home!

World Mental Health Day

Next Monday – 13th October is **World Mental Health Day** and the theme for this year is **'Make mental health and wellbeing for all a global priority'**.

We will be linking this to our learning where possible and in Reception it ties in nicely with the work we have been doing recently with 'The Colour Monster' and our ROAR Rainbow and we always encourage the children to talk about how they are feeling where possible.

We are inviting the children in school to wear bright colours to honour this day – as Reception have PE on Monday, this could be a brightly coloured t shirt with their shorts / tracksuits or a brightly coloured football kit.

2023 Admissions

There will be a meeting in the school hall on Tuesday 11th October at 9.30am for anyone who would like to apply for a place at school for their child in September 2023. There will also be another opportunity to visit school in November (date TBC), so if you know anyone who is thinking of making an application, please let them know.

Welcome Mass and HSA BBQ

Don't forget that Sunday is a special Mass in Bishop Eton Church at 10.00am for the new Reception children to welcome them and their families into the Parish family.
The HAS are holding a BBQ in school afterwards from 1-4 where you can come along and meet other families and the children can play with their friends and have some fun.

We hope to see you there.