



Reception Weekly Newsletter

Term: Autumn Term 1 Week: 6 Week ending: 14.10.2022

Religious Education Baptism – Belonging – Welcome

This week in Come and See we started a new topic. We began thinking about belonging to different groups. We talked about our families, clubs we attend, our school and our church. We linked this to attending the welcome Mass in Church on Sunday and coming to school to the BBQ hosted by the HAS to welcome the new Reception families into our school. We then moved onto how we make people feel welcome. We shake hands, wave, smile and say hello, then we talked about how we feel when people do or don't do those things for us.

Communication & Language and Literacy

We began to learn about 'traditional tales' this week when we read 'Goldilocks and the three bears.' The children loved singing the song version of the story and this really helped us when we were retelling it along with the story map we had created. We used some actions such as opening a book to begin the story with 'once upon a time' and closed it at the end to signal that the story had finished. We also read some alternative versions of the story called 'Goldilocks and just the one bear' and 'Mr Wolf and the three bears'.

Phonics

This week we learnt:
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And we continue to practice our blending and segmenting (sound talking) in order for the children to hear words and spell. They are getting so much better at hearing a whole word when an adult segments the sound, the next steps after this will be to look at the graphemes (a sound written down) and to say them in order to blend to read. We have enjoyed singing the associated songs that help us remember each phoneme.

Physical Development

'Funky Fingers'

We had lots of opportunities to practice our fine motor skills this week by using tweezers. Firstly, we had to sort numerals into labelled dishes and then we enjoyed the challenge of adding our favourite toppings to the 'three bears porridge that we ate for snack yesterday.

Maths

This week in maths we explored sorting in lots of different ways. We looked at sorting by colour, shape, size, function and then by our own criteria and the children did a great job of explaining their reasoning.

Next week we will move on to comparing and ordering.

Home Learning

This week we have put in an 'I Spy' game using some of the phonemes we have learnt so far. Have a go at sound talking the words out to your child and see if they can blend to hear the name of the object they are looking for. If they are unable to do this, then let them search using the initial sound and then guide them to find the correct item.

We have also included a Goldilocks activity which combines our Literacy and Maths. The children will need to cut out all of the pictures of the porridge, beds and chairs and then sort them into categories of which belongs to which items Goldilocks had meddled with. Then they will need to decide which of these she likes and which she did not!

Reading & Writing Meeting

Thank you all that attended in order to find out more about how to support your child on their exciting journey of learning to read. We hope you found this useful in explaining our phonics scheme and discovering exactly how we teach the skills of reading and promote a love of books. For anyone who was unable to attend, the PowerPoint slides from the meeting will be uploaded to the school website (Curriculum – EYFS) as will the handout. You can always pick up one of these from outside your child's classroom or ask your child's teacher for a copy.

Black History Month

Next week we will be joining the whole school in celebrating black history month. We will be reading a range of books about equality and diversity and will be beginning to understand why celebrating Black History is important to us a whole school community in October and all year round.

Other information

HSA

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Mass on Sunday and at the BBQ after. The children seemed to really enjoy themselves and were full of chat on Monday morning about seeing their friends at school. The

HSA are holding their AGM on Friday 4th November, location TBC and would love to see you there. It is always useful to have new parents on board with great ideas for how to fundraise to make school an even better place for all of the children.

Amazon Smile

The HSA have mentioned that you can do this just by doing your Christmas shopping. If anyone shops on amazon, you can sign up via their smile scheme and nominate Bishop Eton HAS as your chosen charity then at no further cost to yourself other than the time taken to set this up with a few clicks, each time you shop, Amazon will donate to the HAS. What a great way and easy way to raise some more money!

Non – Uniform Day

Next Friday, not only do we break up for a well-deserved half term break but it is also another Non-uniform day planned by our Eco-council to make everyone aware of the impact of fast fashion on our environment. The theme is to wear something old, something recycled, or something that you have maybe swapped with someone else.