

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Learning Letter Week 5

Phonics

A big well done to everyone who has been completing the practical daily phonic challenges. It really does make a difference and supports your child in becoming a confident reader and writer.

During phonics this week we have introduced the children to the letters g o c k and the sounds that they make. We have continued to listen carefully to hear the first sound in a word and to think of things that start with the g o c k sounds such as; ggggarden, oooctopus, cccat, kkkkite. At this stage it is not expected that children choose the correct c/k, but it is important that your child recognises that although the letters look different, they still make the same sound. We have begun to robot talk and you may have noticed your child walking around with robot arms as they try to segment/chop up words to hear the sounds. This skill is essential for your child to become a confident writer, so do please help them to practise this at home e.g. “cat caaaaaat caaaaaat c-a-t”. Remind your child to say the word nice and long to help them hear the sounds before chopping up the word to hear the first, middle and end sound.

Maths

We have done some additional work on matching and sorting collections of objects.

Topic – All About Me!

This week we have been colouring mixing! The children have really enjoyed learning about the primary colours and what colours we can create from mixing. To support our understanding, we have been listening and learning a song as well as mixing paint ourselves. The children have asked to share the song with you. It can be found on Kids Youtube, the song is called Primary Colors Song (Sesame Studios) by Kids Learning Tube. The video has three colour pals that sing through the primary colours and what happens when they mix. It's quite catchy!

<https://www.youtubekids.com/watch?v=v9glj0j7Ba0&hl=en-GB>

Classroom and school expectations

This week we are continuing to read our “Golden rule” series of books.

This week we focused on “We are kind and helpful...We don't hurt anybody's feelings”.

We shared how we can be nurturing to each other and ourselves. Ladybirds have such a kind and caring side 😊

Home learning challenge

To copy the letters g o c k and have a go at writing your own. Please encourage your child to hold their pencil correctly as they do so. They can also draw pictures or stick in photos or objects that start with each sound. If your child is a reluctant writer, perhaps try writing these letters with sticks in mud or even on the beach. They could even paint the letters with water and brushes on the patio. You can always email us a photo of their letter writing, so that we can share and praise their efforts.

Thank you and have a lovely weekend

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