

Reception Class Round-Up

Friday 18 October 2019



Some of the lovely things the children have been learning...

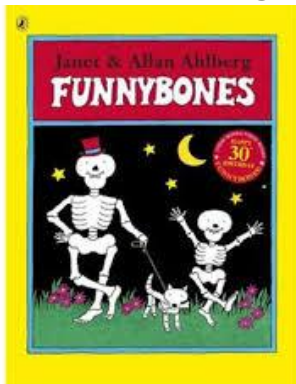
Our work in literacy has continued to be based around repetitive rhymes and stories. This week we have used the story of 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear' by Eric Carle to read and write key words. In handwriting we have been learning to form cursive *a* and *d*.



In maths we have been learning the days of the week. We have started to read o'clock times and matched daily routines to times in the day.

In our 'Protective Behaviours' work we have explored that parts of our body are private and talked about personal hugging rules.

Some of the things the children will be learning in the weeks to come...



Our topics after half term are **Light and Dark** and **Celebrations**. Our first focus text in literacy will be 'Funnybones,' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. We will be writing speech bubbles and labels. It's quite possible there will be a couple of Funnybones characters in class to bring our learning to life!

We will be learning about family celebrations such as birthdays, weddings and christenings. We will also be finding out about festivals of light and Christmas of course.



In maths we will begin to compare numbers identifying the biggest and smallest in a set. We will be counting on and back from given numbers and introducing simple addition and subtraction. We will be exploring length and height using the language associated with comparing and measuring.

In phonics we have been practising single sounds...

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How to help your child at home...

- Continue to practise dressing/undressing to encourage independence
- Practise saying the days of the week and link to routines
- Practise counting to 20 and beyond
- Practise writing numbers 0-10
- Practise writing first and last names – try to use the cursive letters we've learned this half term
- Visit the library – share new and familiar stories

What's coming up/ notices/ information...

- To support our work with our topic 'Celebrations' please send in any photos of the children at birthdays, christenings etc. We will be making a class celebrations album.
- Soon after half term, we will be casting our Nursery/Reception nativity play 'Everyone Loves a Baby!' Children will be bringing home scripts with lines to practise. This is an excellent opportunity for pupils and I'm hopeful many will be keen to take a speaking part.
- Please be aware there have been a couple of changes to our weekly timetable. Updated copies have been sent home in book folders.
- Thank you for your support with handwriting at home. There is already significant improvement in pencil grip, control and letter formation.
- It was great to see everybody at the parent's consultation meetings over the last couple of weeks. Thank you for your support so far and for helping the children get off to a great start this year.

