

Foundation Stage Newsletter

Friday 7th February 2020



Reception

This week we have introduced our new topic of recycling and environmental awareness. This topic always stirs great interest in the children and sparks some fantastic debates and conversation and this year has been no different. We have witnessed the children examining lunch packaging for the recycling arrows and reusing paper many times before it is thrown away! During child-initiated time, the children have been independently creating posters to encourage people to use dustbins and recycle where they can. We have discussed plastic waste and the effects on our oceans and wildlife and the children have been keen for us to use the internet to find out more. As our Art project this week the children have been using a variety of colours and textures to paint pictures of our favourite sea creatures. We have also shared the story "Dear Greenpeace" and discussed the work that various charities might do to help our environment. In our Maths sessions this week we have been using scales and have been exploring the concept of weight while using the correct mathematical vocabulary. In phonics we are working on our reading skills, in particular remembering to return to read from the start of a sentence each time we add a new word, this greatly improves children's reading speed and fluency. Next Tuesday as part of the schools Spanish week, we will have a Spanish Day where the children will learn a Spanish song, learn about Spanish traditions, take part in a dance class, make the Spanish flag and cook Spanish omelettes.

Reminders!

All children must have water bottles in school please in line with our topic we are providing as few cups as possible!

Payment is now available online for our trip; payment must be made by the 14th February, please return the dinner order reply for trip day.

Please try to fill in your child's diary, as they love to share their news with their peers each week.

Pre-School

Again, another week as passed by with another fun packed week! We have still carried on our topic about 'All Around the World' learning about India. We have looked at different foods that come from India as well as animals and fruit. We had enjoyed looking at World Maps and globes, learning where different countries are. When the children told us if they had been on holiday and where, we would then attempt to find it on the map. In small groups we have been looking at different flags and using different patterns flags, we created our own! Finally, our hall session this week contained a game called The Bean Game! This is where Miss Powis shouted our different 'beans' such as string bean meaning standing tall, jelly bean meaning acting like jelly and baked bean meaning lying on the floor! The children had so much fun!!

Wrap Around

This week in wrap around we have been looking at flags from around the world, we enjoyed talking about the colours, shapes and pictures we could see and then had a go at using felt tips to design our own! We have also been looking at famous buildings from around the world, and enjoyed using various boxes of construction to build our own. We have also had a visit from Bee bot this week. We learnt how to give Bee bot an instruction to move forwards and then backwards. Finally, the children have enjoyed taking turns to choose a story from our reading area to share with the group!

Reminders: If your child does not stop for dinner, they do not need a bottle in school due to them having access to café all morning and afternoon. Many Thanks. Please make sure your child has wellies in school. Even though the weather is changing, we are still having fun learning outside!