

Week beginning

29/11/2021

Reception Newsletter



This week's learning...

This week in Reception we will continue to learn new sounds and consolidate the ones we have already learnt.

We will be looking at the pictures that parents have kindly sent in. We will compare past and present events, whilst labeling them using our sounds.

We will also learn about a celebration that is happening across the world this week - Hanukkah. Children will be learning to recognise that different people have different beliefs and they celebrate special events in different ways.

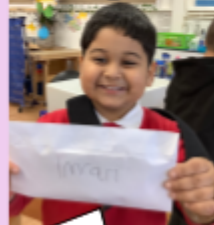


During maths, we will continue to learn about 2D shapes! We will focus on comparing rectangles and circles. Children will use informal language to describe similarities, differences and parts of these 2D shapes e.g. number of sides and number of corners.



STAR moments

What have we been learning last week?



I wrote a letter for my Dad! I wrote his name.



1, 2, 3, 4. There is 4!

Watch me jump!



We are learning about 2D shapes. Look what we've made!



I made my house and this is my school. My school is bigger than my house.



We learnt the 'sh' sound!



Well done for everyone's amazing efforts with behaviour and attitudes towards learning. This week, our happy leaves go out to:

RA: Jayden - For making such wonderful progress the last week - wonderful manners, learnt vocabulary and excellent efforts with his counting in maths! So proud Jayden, well done!
RB: Ruth - for being such a fantastic role model for the other children and for always trying her best in everything that she does.
RS: Roza - for always trying her best and testing ideas during independent maths activities.

Don't forget!

- Please ensure your child brings their reading folder into school **every** day. However, their reading books will be changed **once** a week
- Please bring in **one** picture of your child's holiday/birthday/family celebration/special occasion. Alternatively you can send it to our year group email address.
- P.E. days: Mondays & Fridays (come in wearing your PE kit on Monday and Fit Friday kit on Friday).
- Ensure all your child's belongings are **clearly labelled**.
- Please ensure all long hair is tied up away from the face (boys and girls)
- Now that the weather is getting colder, please make sure your child is wearing appropriate clothing - coat, hat, scarf.

Over to you... Home learning



- Practise name writing every day.
- Practise **set 1 sounds** and **Word Time 1** every day.
- Please use the reading record provided to record each time you read with your child.
- Use every day opportunities to count with your child in order to secure their knowledge of 'numberness' and 'howmanyness'.

Keep in touch!

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EYFS

You could experiment and investigate:

- Crazy colourful bubbles
- Magic swirling sweets
- Leaf rubbings
- Wind chimes

Find out more with your grown up here:

<https://www.firstdiscoverers.co.uk/early-years-science-activities-eyfs/>

KS2

You could experiment and investigate:

- Making a parachute
- Floating eggs and buoyancy
- Blowing up a balloon with a chemical reaction
- Balloon powered hovercraft

Find out more with your grown up here:

<https://www.sciencekids.co.nz/experiments.html>

Home Learning at Star



Make a mini movie using your Explain Everything or iMovie apps conducting a scientific investigation or experiment in your kitchen with a grown up. Upload your video to your folder on your pupil drive or Google classroom.



Challenge yourself to complete a write up or a set of instructions for others to have a go at your experiment!

KS1

You could experiment and investigate:

- Melting chocolate investigation
- Explore static electricity
- Rainbow in a glass
- Cool crystals

Find out more with your grown up here:

<https://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/>

Inspiration

Check out the teacher's 'Science in my Kitchen' experiments for some inspiration by following the link.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RoKhEkqgyJbrwh34W5NxxhKCsmYOBdHch>



Upload your super scientific experiments onto your **Google Classroom** or folder on the **Pupil Drive**. Competition closes on 10/12/21 and prizes will be announced at assembly on 13/12/2021.