

Foundation Stage Newsletter

Friday 14th February 2020



Reception

This week we have continued our environmental topic with the children using a range of materials to create their own earth collage. We have been using junk modelling to create our own new inventions and have been carefully checking packaging to see if we are able to recycle. We have also been learning a song about recycling to help us remember where to put our rubbish. In our maths session this week we have been looking at addition and using lots of different resources to help us find the total of two groups. We have introduced the children to the addition and equals symbols and have modelled writing number sentences. In our literacy sessions following on from our work around the story 'Dear Greenpeace' we have been drawing and labelling our favourite sea creature and thinking of questions we could ask about them. We have then been writing letters to try and find the answers to our questions. In our phonic session we have been focussing on sentence reading and reminding the children to return to the start of a sentence each time they add a new word. Please try to encourage this when reading with your child at home. On Tuesday we had a special Spanish Day, throughout the day we learnt where Spain is on a map, its capital city, looked at famous buildings and found out about its royal family. We looked at the flag of Spain and created our own with different media. We also worked with Mrs Wall to create a Spanish omelette, most of us tried it and were quite surprised that we liked it! We learnt the days of the week in Spanish and even some colours which helped us colour our rainbows as the colours were all written in Spanish! To finish off the day we got to tap out rhythms with castanets and have a go at some flamenco dancing.

Reminders!

We are off to the Thinktank on February 27th!

All children must have water bottles in school please in line with our topic we will no longer be providing plastic cups.

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.

Pre-School

This is our last week on our topic All Around The World. But we have mainly focused on the story Handas surprise. This is all about a girl who lives in Africa and chooses some special fruit for her friend. Please ask your child what happens to her basket of fruit! To link with the story, firstly we touched and smelt the fruit. We learnt a lot of new language like rough, smooth, bumpy and spikey! Then the children had lots of fun tasting them. We tried pineapple, mango, banana and passionfruit. The children did really well trying these. We have also learnt about what animals live in Africa. The children have loved having the safari animals out to play with... especially when they have been in the slime. Finally, we learnt a little on Valentine's Day. We looked at pictures on the interactive whiteboard about how people celebrate Valentines and how we give special presents to people we love including our Mummies and Daddies!

Wrap Around

This week in wrap around we have been looking at the country Italy! We learnt where Italy is on a map and what the Italian Flag looks like. We looked at the famous buildings and the foods often eaten in Italy! The children seemed to like pizzas and pasta! We have also danced the "tarantella" with tambourines to some traditional Italian music, which the children enjoyed. Finally, we made our own Pita Pizzas! The children loved making their own pizza. We talked about the importance of hand washing before making food and why we have to be careful using a knife. We were able to eat our pizzas listening to a story at the end of the day!

Reminders: Please look out for your child's Learning Journey being sent through to your emails. Also don't forget Share A Story starts after half term. Have a lovely half term!