

Secrets to success

This week's secret to success was 'Try New Things.'

During the week of 19th February,we will be working on 'Work hard.'

New morning arrangements

Our whole school target this term is to develop the children's independence. In Reception we ask that from 19th February, you bring your child into school as normal, helping them with their coats and bags in the cloakroom, but then say goodbye at the classroom door and let the children come into the classroom independently.

The children will immediately start 'buzzy bee' work which will be set up and ready at the start of each day.

We thank you in advance for your support.

Parent in Partnership Tasks: Spring Week 6

Topic News

We learned about Germany this week. The children have spoken to their working partners about what they have learned. We have learned a counting song, teaching the children to count to 10 in German. If you would like to look at this song at home, here is the link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KO9DAnw39do

When we return from the Half Term Break, we will be learning about Chinese New Year for 2/3 weeks. This year Chinese New Year starts on Friday 16th February and it is The Year of the Dog. During our work, the children will learn about the festivities linked to the New Year, they will learn to dance to traditional Chinese music and will learn the story of how the years of the Chinese Zodiac are named. Our work will be celebrated on Wednesday 7th March when we have our class assembly. If you could introduce your child to the events and customs of Chinese New Year, this will help the children as we embark upon this exciting mini-topic.

Maths Work

In maths work this week, we have been working on practical measuring of distance. We have carried out tasks involving the children to 'estimate' and then measure distances using footsteps. We ask that during the holidays you continue this work. Perhaps you could ask the children to stand at the back door and estimate then measure different distances. Perhaps they could throw a beanbag to mark a distance, or you could use features in the garden as markers.

Extension

If the children respond well, you could perhaps take the activity indoors and estimate and measure shorter distances using a smaller unit of measurement such as pencils or lego bricks etc.. Have fun with the activity and let us know how your child gets on. Please use vocabulary such as 'how far?' 'further' 'furthest' 'near' 'nearer' nearest' 'estimate' 'measure' etc...

Sentence of the Week

This week our sentence was

'It is a hill.'

Please write this sentence on a piece of paper and ask your child to read it. They may even have a go at writing it too.

Every week we will continue to inform you of our sentence of the week.

History Day

On Thursday 8th February, the children worked with Year 6 pupils to learn about the Stone Age. We were fortunate to have borrowed artefacts from Dorset County museum for this work and the children handled and talked about the use of tools and materials during the Stone Age, which had been discovered in the local area. It was a wonderful day and a lovely opportunity for the class to collaborate with the eldest children in the school.

Phonics and Word blending

Please note that this week we have added the sound 'er' to your child's phonics book. Please spend time looking at

Æ	а	t	p	i	ζ.	ĸ	d	q	۵
ν	k	داد	e	u	r	አ	Ь	F	l
į	۶	æ	×	ч	Z	qи	<u>c</u> h	sh	th
лą	ai	e.e	ør	igh	øα	αα	ar	er	

Tricky Words

In our phonics lessons we teach the children 3 new 'tricky words' every week.

We explain that these are words that cannot be sounded out, but that you learn by 'sight.'

Please continue to look at these words with your child on the back of this sheet.

Thank you.

Please cut this slip off and return to school.

My child's response to the tasks.

a	as	at	sat	Tricky Words		
pat	is	it	pit	the	like	
nap	man	in	mat	to	so	
din	dim	dip	dig	I	do	
cod	cot	cat	sack	no	some	
rat	red	rod	run	go	come	
pen	pet	nut	tuck	into	little	
hat	hot	hen	bag	he	one	
fog	huff	leg	fill	she	were	
jug	jam	van	vet	we	there	
wet	win	wax	box	me	when	
yes	yet	zip	fizz	be	out	
quiz	quick	chip	chat	was	what	
ship	hush	this	path	you	oh	
sing	bang	aim	ail	they	their	
see	bee	for	fork	all	people	
goat	boat	night	light	are	Mr.	
book	look	moon	too	my	Mrs	
car	far	park	star	her	called	
her	ladder	mixer	litter	said	looked	
				have	asked	