



Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 11.11.24

Term 2 topic- Tell me a story

Our story of the week- The Little Red Hen



We have been very busy this week doing lots of activities around the story of 'The Little Red Hen.'
Ask your children what they have enjoyed doing!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development- This week is Anti- Bullying week, so we have had lots of discussions about how to be a good friend and how to be respectful to our friends and grown-ups at home and at school. We know an important part is listening to each other and working as a team. We know we always need to have kind hands and use kind words and remember that at Folly View Primary School we are READY, RESPECTFUL & SAFE. We follow this to make our class and our school a happy and safe place to be. We have introduced our first Learning Muscle, Andy Ant, this week! Andy Ant co-operates and works together with his friends. We can be Andy Ants when we tidy up. We celebrated Odd Sock Day on Tuesday and know that we are all special and unique and it's good to be different.

Communication and Language- After reading 'The Little Red Hen', we chatted about being helpful and we shared what we do to help our families at home. We also had a lively discussion about whether the Little Red Hen was right not to share her bread with the animals, when they had not helped her to make it. The children had strong views on this, and we discussed whether they would share their bread themselves in the same situation!

We are doing brilliantly with our phonics! We are also becoming more confident with blending the sounds Fred tells us. Ask us if we can pinch some regular three letter words on our fingers eg cat, c-a-t.

Physical Development- We love being active in Reception at outside time! We enjoy using a variety of equipment on the playground including bats, hockey sticks, hurdles, balls and hula hoops. To help develop our fine motor skills and strengthen our fingers for drawing and writing, we have enjoyed a variety of activities. We shaped play dough into bread rolls, some of them looked good enough to eat! We loved exploring flour and water; very messy! In PE this week we practised jumping forwards, backwards and from side to side keeping our feet together. We were very lucky to have two martial arts instructors from Champions Martial Arts in Faringdon come into school and teach us some moves. Ask us to show you...

Literacy- We are continuing to learn lots of new sounds to help us to begin reading and writing. This week we learnt 'r', 'j' and 'v'. Please remember to keep all school books in book bags ready for changing each week and don't forget to share the library book with someone at home. This week we had a go at writing the names of some farm animals and listened carefully for the sounds in the words, for example, 'cat, c-a-t'. We continue to enjoy looking at a variety of fiction, non-fiction and poetry books and sharing them with our friends. We are loving listening to a poem each day before lunch, especially the funny ones!

Mathematics- Maths is everywhere and it is fantastic to see the children use the apparatus in their choosing a job time. We continue to practise counting in 1s to 20; recognising our numbers to 10;

forming our numbers correctly; counting back from 10 to 0 and saying what is one more and one less than a given number. This week we have been exploring 2D shapes, and using mathematical language to describe the properties of a circle and a square eg. 'flat', 'edges', 'curved', 'straight', 'corners', 'vertices'. We have sorted 2D shapes and looked for shapes in our environment. We also been using positional language, describing where we are at different times of the day eg. 'in front of', 'behind' and 'next to' etc. We also described where the teddy was, using language such as 'under', 'on top of' and 'in' etc.

Understanding the World- We loved making bread from the flour the Little Red Hen had left for us. It tasted yummy! On Monday we went to an assembly led by a Wing Commander from the RAF and listened to The Last Post played on the bugle by our own Mrs Dulforce.

Expressive Arts and Design- This week we have been very busy on the art table making masks, using pastels to draw pictures from 'The Little Red Hen', designing odd socks, finger painting spots for Pudsey and making hand print little red hens.

Supporting learning at home

- Why not try some different breads at home. How do they taste, feel and smell?
- Challenge your children to do up their coats by themselves and fasten their shoes! We are improving each week. Keep at it!
- Can you spot things beginning with the phonemes we are learning 'r', 'j' and 'v'? Ask your children tell you the rhyme we learn to help us to write it.
- Challenge your child to spot shapes when you are out and about.

Have a look at us doing Martial Arts on the website...

www.follyviewprimary.org

Notes for next week 18.11.24

- Appropriate outdoor wear (coats, hats and gloves) and water bottles to be in school every day, please.
- Please let us know if you have been able to access the Read, Write, Inc. portal. Thank you.
- Please bring in your child's PE kit.

Thank you for your donations of cakes and money for Children In Need!

Have a lovely weekend!