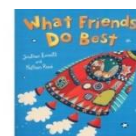


Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 23.09.24

Term 1 topic- Who am I?

Our story of the week- 'What Friends Do Best' by Jonathan Emmett and Nathan Reed.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development- Jigsaw aims to prepare our children for life, helping them to really know and value who they are and understand how they relate to other people in our ever-changing world. This week the theme is Being me at School. We thought about how important it is to work together as part of a class team and make sure everyone is helping at tidy up time. We discussed how we would feel if someone did not share and why we should look after our classrooms and equipment. We decided it was much more fun to work as a team to get our jobs done.

We have also been using our listening skills, concentrating on sharing and taking turns with our friends as we play together and remembering to say 'please' and 'thank you'.

On Tuesday we heard the fire alarm, so we stopped what we were doing and lined up on the big playground with the whole school. We know to be quiet and walk quickly and sensibly. We were practicing how to stay safe in the event of a fire.

Communication and Language- We have continued our discussions about ourselves this week and thought about how to be a good friend. Thank you for your participation in sticker homework this week. The children were so keen to tell us about what you had told them they like to do with their friends. We enjoyed talking about what the weekend bears had been up to. This week the bears are going home with the children who had made good choices all week. How exciting!

Physical Development- We love being active at outside time and the children have loved exploring this big playground this week. We have been introducing how to use different sports equipment. We have enjoyed using hockey sticks and balls, remembering not to lift the sticks above our shoulders. We have also had a go at balancing on balance boards and jumping over hurdles. We are very good at 'Squiggle' now, we have so much fun and it is great for developing our gross motor movements. We also enjoy our dough disco sessions, 'balling', 'squashing' and 'rolling' our playdough in our hands and then 'dancing' and 'diving' our fingers to develop our fine motor skills. We also apply our fine motor skills as we explore play dough, handwriting, cutting, using chalks and use various building and constructing toys.

Literacy- Our teachers are very impressed with how hard we are concentrating in our daily phonics lessons. This week we introduced Phonics, and the new sounds we learnt this week were, 'm', 'a' and 's'. We are learning to recognise and write the sounds and are helping Fred Frog put sounds together to make words, 'm-a-d, mad' or 's-a-d, sad' or 'm-u-d, mud'. Ask us why it is so important to learn phonics.... In bookbags today you will have received a sheet letting you know the phonemes

(sounds) we have been learning. Please practise these with your children at home. We encourage the children to say the rhyme as they write the letters. We are learning the sounds to help us to begin reading and writing.

We continue to look at a variety of fiction and non-fiction books and share them with our friends in our book areas.

Mathematics- We enjoy exploring the maths areas in our classrooms and we are very excited to have started our focussed maths sessions this week. We enjoy counting to 20, showing numbers to 5 on our fingers and recognising numerals to 10. In our classrooms we have numicon, which are number shapes that help us to develop an understanding of how different numbers are created and what they represent. This week we have been exploring matching and sorting objects.

Understanding the World- We are enjoying using the interactive whiteboard on various programmes. We are enjoying exploring different items on our investigation tables and have begun to spot lots of changes in the world about us. We are noticing that the leaves on the trees are changing colour and beginning to fall! We have been very interested in watching the weather this week!

Expressive Arts and Design- We were very busy on the art table this week. We had fun painting using cotton buds and practising our letters using chalks on black paper. We enjoyed working with a friend junk modelling. We have begun singing some Harvest songs during singing assemblies on Wednesdays.

Take a look at the photos on our class pages on the school website:

www.follyviewprimary.co.uk

We will upload photos of what we are doing in reception on these pages throughout the school year.

Supporting learning at home

- Challenge your child to dress themselves and to put on their coat and fasten their shoes!
- Can you remember and write down the sounds you have learnt this week ('m', 'a', 's')?
- Go for an autumn walk and find something autumnal to put on the interest table.
- Practise holding your pencil correctly when writing and drawing.

Notes for next week 30.9.24

- Coats and water bottles to be in school every day.
- PE is on Thursday for Chestnut class and Friday for Hazel class. Please make sure you have brought your PE kit in ready to start PE next week. In reception, we change for PE in school.
- Please name all jumpers and cardigans, as we already have lots being left.
- Nasal flu immunisations are taking place on Monday 30th September. Any queries, please contact the immunisation team (contact details can be found in the email).

Have a lovely weekend!