



Reception Weekly Newsletter

15.2.19

This week we have turned into robots and we have been 'programming' each other to move around a maze outside by giving clear and precise 'algorithms' (instructions) to each other. For example, "go two steps forward, turn right a quarter turn and go one step backwards". This has required a lot of listening and processing instructions as well as thinking ahead. The children did well with some initial support.

Thank you for coming to the stay and play sessions this week. The challenges have reflected the current learning in class, such as measuring short periods of time (using the minute timer), building the tallest tower, reading tricky words, developing fine motor control by doing the chopstick challenge and finding the missing numbers in a sequence. The children have enjoyed completing these challenges.

In maths we have been learning about the names and properties of 3D shapes - sphere, cube, pyramid, cuboid, cylinder and cone. We have talked about their 'faces', 'edges' and 'vertices' (corners) and whether they are straight or curved. The children have played shape bingo and they went on a shape hunt to look for the shapes in the environment.

In phonics we have learnt the phonemes ng (sing, ring, song, bang, wing) and nk (think, sink, bank) and the tricky word was. We have practised reading and writing words and sentences containing these digraphs. We have begun to join the letters together, but do not worry if your child cannot do this yet. They will when they are ready.

Easy Peasy App

We have an exciting project coming up, which goes live on the 2nd March. We have access to a free app that sends you a weekly link to a game to play at home to help develop all areas of learning, particularly speaking and listening skills. ***Please note, the games are practical games and not games to play online.*** All EYFS families can be involved. The family information sessions are in the first week after the holidays. Come in for a cup of tea and a chat. There is a short video to watch. You can drop your children into school at 8.40 to enable you to come to the morning session.

Diary Dates

Friday 15th February

Monday 25th February

Wednesday 27th February (8.45 & 3.00)

Friday 1st March

Tuesday 5th March

Thursday 7th March

Break up for half term

Return to school

Easy Peasy information sessions

Mid term reports out to families

Family consultation 3 - 5pm

Family consultation 5 - 7pm

We hope that you have a lovely half term. Mrs Houghton, Miss Horner and the Reception team.

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