

Curriculum update

24/11/20

Independent children...

It has been brilliant to see the children taking responsibility at home! We have also been encouraging them to be more independent in the classroom too and we are seeing such a boost in their independence in general.

This week's challenge is focusing on 'trust'. We are giving the children increasing amounts of trust in the classroom to encourage their independence e.g letting them choose their own resources, trusting them to put the milk/fruit away without needing an adult, trusting them to go outside to put their wellies on without needing an adult. Is there anything at home you can trust them to do without needing an adult?

Rhyme

Last week in Literacy we played lots of games with rhyming words. Rhyme is often something that is tricky in a stand-alone activity. Children become used to rhyme and rhythm within stories but often find thinking of rhyming words tricky. We used different pictures and played lots of games to try and find picture cards that rhymed. We then tried to think of made up words too. We had a look at written words and worked out if there was any pattern to rhyming words. Rhyme is something that we will continue to practice and something fun to practice at home too!

Music

Every Friday, we enjoy music sessions with Mrs Blaker. Over the past few weeks, the children have been practicing creating different rhythms to match spoken words. They have enjoyed beginning to use instruments to tap their rhythms out. They had lots of fun with Mrs Blaker tapping out their names and other rhythm patterns using drums and claves.

Parents Evening conversations

I have started working towards speaking to parents/carers via telephone conversations. We are trying our best to stick to the 10 minute allocation slot but understand there are times where there might be something further you would like to discuss. A 'normal' parents evening slot would be 10 minutes which is why we are trying to do this but if you know there is something further you would like to discuss please be in contact and I can ensure there is sufficient time to discuss any questions or concerns. It has been lovely to share your child's learning with you so far as I know you may only get tiny snippets from the children. They do so much each day and I promise that we do way more than 'nothing'. Please always remember to check the website for updated photos too, I try to update them weekly.

Phonics and reading

The children have moved through our phonics sounds and we are nearing to the end of the alphabet. This will mean that the children will know all of the phonetic sounds for alphabet and we are beginning to sound out and read small CVC (consonant vowel consonant) words. This should be linking to the children's reading and the books you are sharing at home. You may find that more than one book starts to come home over the next week but please remember you can always share books from home. Each 'read' your child completes counts towards your child's 40 reads where they will be able to choose a book for themselves to keep!

School photographs

School photographs will be taking place this Thursday 26th November. They will be taking in place in school time in the village hall.