



Joni for becoming more independent with her writing. Joni is now beginning to write sentences independently.

Message from Mrs Grainger

The term continues at pace and it is hard to believe that we are approaching half term already. As always, there are a multitude of wonderful things going on in classrooms. Please try to find time each day to talk to your children about their learning as this makes such a difference to them and helps keep you in touch with what is going on.

This week we have focused on our safety procedures by discussing and implementing both fire and lockdown drills in school. Both these practices have generated excitement with the children – and I do mean excitement! By including the children in the discussion around the reasons for these practices, and the sensible measures we can take to keep ourselves safe, the children embraced the systems and enjoyed putting them into context. I spoke with each class after the lockdown drill and all children and staff were keen to tell me how well it had gone. We really do hope we never have to undertake these drills for real, but by being prepared we hope we can instil confidence in our community.

Message from Early Years

What an exciting week it has been in Early Years. This week we have been showing off what we have learnt throughout our theme. We have been using super vocabulary in our play such as arrow loops, turrets, portcullis, battlements, drawbridge, swordsmith, moat, guards, knights etc. We have also been solving problems involving doubling, filling in missing numbers, made knights out of foil, compared how big the giant's hands and feet were to our own using tape measures and different objects, writing our own lists of things we would buy if we had golden eggs, we used the new iPads and recorded ourselves retelling the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk', made puppets in the creative area and much more.

In literacy this week we have been learning how to write instructions. We have been very bossy by writing our own instructions on 'How to Grow a Bean'. We then learnt a new song 'The Little Bean Song' to help the beans grow.

IMPORTANT DATE FOR BOTH NURSERY AND RECEPTION: Thursday 27th May 2021

At the end of this half term we would like to finish off our Theme 'Do dragons exist?' by having a medieval banquet and learning some medieval dancing. This definitely wouldn't be the same without dressing up! We would like your child to come into school dressed up as a Princess, Prince, Knight, King, Queen etc.

Please could you provide your child with a named paper plate with a small snack just for them ready for the banquet. Please ensure that you only put a couple of items i.e. a small cake and crisps.

Whit Week Holiday

Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021 – back to school for Summer Term 2 on Monday 7th June 2021.

This week in Nursery:

We have been so busy this week. We painted some castle walls for our lovely knights display, and look how fabulous it looks on our wall! In the forest, we found some giant's handprints and footprints, so we drew around our own hands and feet and then measured them using the cubes and counters. We predicted how many cubes we would need for each foot and compared the different sizes.

On Wednesday, we did an experiment where we put vinegar, bicarbonate of soda and washing up liquid in our pretend dragon. and we watched as the ingredients combined together to make foam come out the dragon's mouth! We talked about the vinegar and the bicarbonate of soda mixing together to make Carbon Dioxide. The children loved this experiment and enjoyed making predictions and seeing the results. It did get a bit messy, but was lots of fun!

We have also been talking about the beginning, middle and end of the Jack and the Beanstalk story. We sequenced some pictures from the book and then stuck them on our own 3D beanstalks that we made.



This week in Reception

Our Reception children make us proud every week with their learning!
Take a look at this week's activities...



