



Week 11th - 15th October 2021

Topic: Bears

Dear Parents,

This is our weekly bulletin. It is our aim to keep you informed about what your child is learning at school. The activities are suggestions of how you can help at home.

Tapestry-

Thank you for all of your uploads to Tapestry, we love to see what the children enjoy doing when they are at home.

Mrs Fuller will aim to resolve any issues with your tapestry account when she is back in school. Please come and speak to her on Monday.

Phonics -

The children have started learning phonics using the Read Write Inc programme (RWInc). They have been learning how to pronounce the sounds clearly using pure sounds ('m' not 'muh') The link below demonstrates the correct pronunciation.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yln6PpV1G1I>

This week they have learnt these sounds; c, k, u, b and f

They have learnt how to orally blend sounds to say words (Fred Talk). The link below explains how to do 'Fred Talk' https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dEzfpod5w_Q

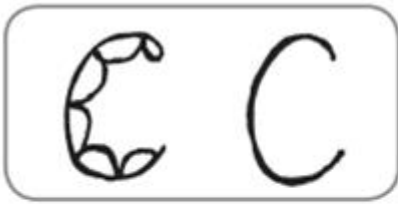
Have a go at using 'Fred Talk' to sound out and blend these words; car, van, train.
We have sent home another phonic activity in the children's book bags.

Fred Talk routine

1. Say the word in sounds as Fred e.g. c-a-t.
2. Ask your child to repeat. Can they 'jump-in' with the whole word?
3. Say the word in sounds followed by the whole word e.g. c-a-t, cat
4. Ask your child to repeat

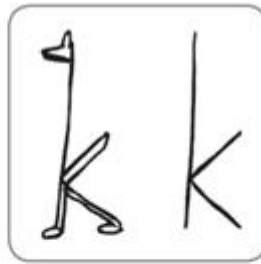


Handwriting



Checklist: caterpillar

- ✓ start at the caterpillar's head
- ✓ curl around the body



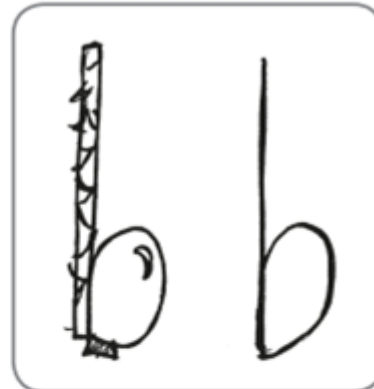
Checklist: kangaroo

- ✓ start at the kangaroo's head
- ✓ draw down the long straight body – then lift the pencil off the page
- ✓ draw a straight tail to the body – two-thirds of the way down
- ✓ draw a straight back leg from the body



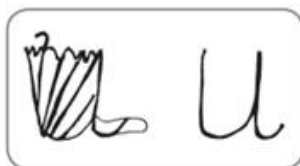
Checklist: flower

- ✓ start at the top of the flower
- ✓ draw around and down the flower stem – then lift the pencil off the page
- ✓ draw a straight line across the leaves



Checklist: boot

- ✓ start at the top of the boot
- ✓ draw a straight line down the boot
- ✓ go round over the toe
- ✓ go back to the heel



Checklist: umbrella

- ✓ start at the top of the handle
- ✓ draw down the straight line for the handle
- ✓ go round underneath the umbrella and back up the other side
- ✓ go down the umbrella
- ✓ add a little curl for the puddle

Black History Month

This week we have learnt about the astronaut Mae Jemison and had lots of fun making our own rockets to fly! Next week we will be reading the story 'We're Going to Find the Monster', written by Malorie Blackman, who was the 8th children's laureate between 2013-2015 and was the first Black woman to hold the position. We will use her story as an inspiration for creating our own version of the 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' story as a class.

Literacy

We are continuing to look at the Bear story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We are learning to retell the story and create our own tactile story map.

The link below has a video clip of Michael Rosen reading and acting out the story.

<http://www.lovemybooks.co.uk/were-going-on-a-bearhunt>

Maths -



Gather some natural objects from your autumn walk.
Chose two different objects and make a repeating pattern with them.



See how many different patterns you can make.

Please Remember-

Monday 11th October - Individual school photos

- School provides fruit for snack time so there is no need to bring any fruit from home. However, please send in a labelled bottle of water for your child to use during the day.
- Please leave a bag of spare clothing in school to include underwear, socks and spare uniform. The bag should be left in school. Please include a carrier bag so that wet clothing can be returned to you.
- We are running short of spare clothes and shoes, please ensure you return any clothes you have borrowed to us.

Foundation Stage Sensory Garden

The children have done a good job of weeding our flower patch and digging out the dead sunflower plants. Now we would love to plant some bulbs in our garden before half term and therefore we are asking for donations of daffodil and tulip bulbs.

Please ensure you keep up to date with all the school dates/news and PTA events at our website, www.willowbankinfant.com. Mrs Masters publishes a weekly newsletter every Friday.