

Early Years

Friday 14.1.2022

News and Reminders

It has been lovely to see the children back at school after their break. We hope you all had a peaceful and relaxing holiday. On behalf of all the staff in Reception we would like to thank you for your lovely cards and kind gifts.

Hello

We are sure you have seen our new member of staff, Mrs Shaid, at collection time. She has been busy getting to know all the children in both classes and helping out in nursery this week while they have been short staffed.

School Trip

We are in the process of setting up instalments on parentmail and the first instalment should be paid by Friday 18th February. We will send out a parentmail with further details in the next couple of weeks once it is all set up.

Spirituality

We have started this half term looking at bible stories and some Muslim stories for children. We have been discussing the different beliefs that differing religions have and talking about how we respect other people's beliefs.

Our value for this half term is LOVE. We have been talking about how we can show love to each other by being kind. We are also practising All You Need Is Love (Beatles) in our singing assemblies. It would be lovely if you could practise this at home too.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WWP80rXP4cM>

Clubs

The children were very excited to start the clubs this week, as were Miss Smith and Mrs Moore! Please remember that our clubs finish at **4:00PM**. If you have a child who is in another club that finishes later, you must still collect your child from us at 4:00pm. This is so that our collection area is clear by the time the next club is finished. If you do not collect your children on time on more than one occasion, then they will be asked to leave the club.

Spare Clothes

As often happens in Reception, children do get their clothes wet for one reason or another. Although we carry a small supply of spare pants, socks, tights, trousers, skirts and dresses we now have barely any spare clothes. If your child has come home wearing some of our spare clothes we would greatly appreciate it if you could wash the clothes and return them as soon as possible.

In addition, if you have some school clothes or underwear and socks/tights that are in good condition and no longer fit your children, we would very much appreciate them.

If we do not have spare clothes to children we will either have to send them home in their wet clothes or telephone you to bring a change of clothes in for them.

Junk Modelling

We have a junk modelling box which the children have free access to during our Learning to Play time and this is a very popular activity. If you have any dry, clean boxes or plastic bottles that the children could use, please do send them in in a small plastic bag. If we have too great a response we will let you know as we don't really have anywhere to store additional supplies.

Homework

Maths - We can see from the amazing certificates that many of the children are already enjoying Numbots. This week we would like the children to spend 10 minutes on Numbots. We appreciate that there is an expectation for speed from the children doing these activities. We are unable to change the speed so practise is the key to success. (Completed by 21/1/22)

Literacy - The children all have their new phonics groups this week and should be coming home, either with a book or with an activity sheet if they are in Mrs Moore, Miss Smith or Mrs Inkley's groups.

Our Learning

Our focus this half term is Our Diverse World.

We have been looking at how different religions believe our world was created this week and thinking about what makes our world so precious.

Next week we will be looking at the Arctic and finding out about all the animals that live there and what makes it such a special place. Our literacy focus will be non-fiction so if you are able to find out an amazing fact about the Arctic or the animals that live there, you can record it on the Seesaw Activity as an additional homework activity. This is optional.

In maths we are looking at how different parts add together to make a whole thing. At home, if you are doing puzzles, please discuss the language of parts and the whole. The children are getting very good at identifying the parts of things and the whole thing they came from.

Superstar Learners

The Christian Values Awards so far this term are:

Alder: Emily H - Love

Ash: Adley - Responsibility

Diary Dates

Forest School (please come into school wearing Forest School kit and bring spares):

Ash- Monday

Alder- Tuesday

PE (please come in to school wearing PE kit):

Earrings must be removed or taped

Ash and Alder - Friday

Library:

Books to be returned - Wednesday 19th January

New books issued - Friday 21st January

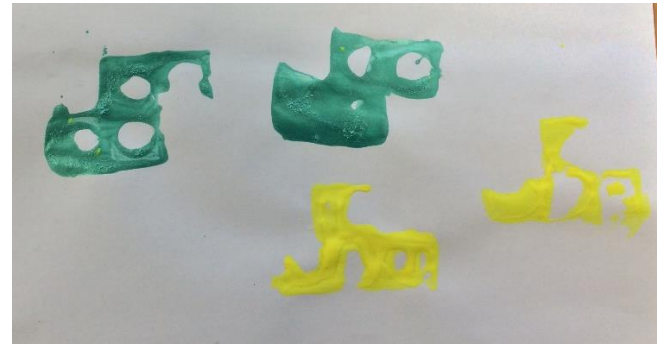
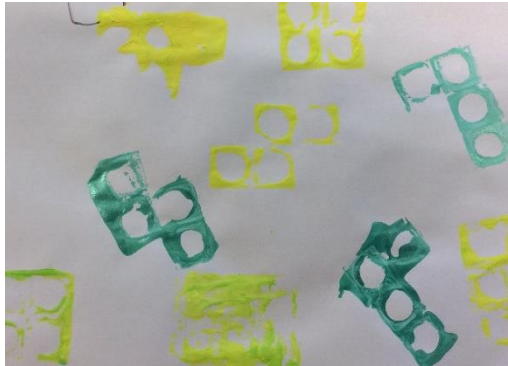
Books to be returned - Wednesday 2nd February

New Books issued - Friday 4th February

Books to be returned - Wednesday 16th February

New books will be issued after the half term break.

Mrs Shaid



Some examples of the pictures the children have made showing the different shapes that Numberblocks 4 can make. If you would like some more information on this please watch Numberblocks Series 1, Episode 11 – Stampolines

