

Termly Newsletter

8th February 2013



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Note from teacher

It is hard to believe that we are about half way through the school year; the time has gone so fast. They are such a lovely class of children; and a pleasure to teach. They show great enthusiasm in their learning and it great to see how they choose to extend their learning independently during planning to play.

Miss Jones, Vicki, Michelle and Katie

Literacy

This half term the children have been able to put all their hard work in phonics into practice in their writing.

The children have been really proud of their achievements and have been keen to write both in adult led activities and during planning to play sessions. Their writing activities have included the following: writing diaries, writing speech bubbles for an Alien, filling in log sheets about their adventures in space and writing descriptive words.

The children are also showing a keen interest in reading and are demonstrating good comprehension skills during their guided reading sessions. The children show a good understanding of characters and sequence of events when they role play the stories we have been reading together in class. We recently read 'Alien's in Underpants Save the World' and the children really enjoyed role playing the story with their Alien masks on!



Mathematics

We have covered a variety of topics within mathematics, including shape and space, measuring, weighing, addition, number recognition, counting skills, plus much more. When learning about addition we introduced the children to resources they can use to help them solve addition problems. The children have learnt how to use a number line to find a number and then count on and have been using various "countables" to combine two groups of numbers.



To support their addition skills at home try playing snakes and ladders with two dice so the children can practise combining two sets of numbers. Can the children count the spots on both dice to see how many spaces they should move across the board?

The children may even progress to recognising the amount spots of on the first die and then counting on to find the total.

Phonics



This half term we have been revisiting the digraphs and trigraphs we have learnt so far. The children are doing really well recognising them in words and even using them in their writing. After half term we will be looking at alternative phonemes (where different graphemes can make the same sound). This can be a little confusing but with lots of practice it becomes easier. Thank you very much for all the phonic work you do at home with the children; it really shows in their confidence at school.

Blast off into Space!! The children (and teachers!) have thoroughly enjoyed our Space topic this half term. The children have amazed us with their knowledge and understanding on the subject! So far we have learnt about the moon, stars and sun and after half term we will be discussing the planets in our solar system! The children have done some fantastic role play and have worked hard to create lots of lovely display work. We are looking forward to a visit from an Astronomer from Cambridge University in the first week back after the holiday!



Dance

The children have really enjoyed their dance sessions this half term. Mrs Green has been supporting the children using her experience in dance and drama. The children have been using our topic on 'Space' to inspire their movements and have really impressed us with their imaginative work.



Notices



- **Parents Consultation meetings-**
 - Tuesday 12th March
 - Wednesday 13th March
 - Tuesday 19th March
 - Wednesday 20th March
- **Acorn Class Assembly-** Friday 15th March
- **Easter Assembly-**Friday 22nd March
- **Break up for Easter holidays-** Thursday 28th March

Have a lovely half term!