

Reception News

Dear families,

Another busy week in Reception draws to a close, and the children are beginning to show their readiness for the half term break!

They have another 4 new sound flashcards to practise, including our first digraph, ck. A digraph is where 2 letters make 1 sound. In phonics this week we have also introduced the first 2 'tricky' words (the, to). Tricky words are those that cannot be sounded out and blended, we just have to learn them through practise and repetition. We have added flashcards of these to their phonics wallet as well as our new phonemes for this week.

Our maths this week has focussed on developing a deep understanding of numbers to 3. Lots of subitising, as well as identifying different representations of 1-3. For homework, we would like you to play the game below:

The Activity

Put three bowls over one, two and three jewels.

Quickly lift and replace one bowl and challenge children to say how many there are.

Swap the bowls around rapidly for a minute. When you stop, can they point to the bowl with three? Lift the bowl and see if children can instantly say whether they are right.

Encouraging mathematical thinking and reasoning:

Describing

Can you see how many there are?

How did you see them?

Reasoning

How did you know there were three?

To develop and extend learning, you could:

Connect to story contexts, such as dragons stealing jewels and hiding them in caskets or caves.

Use two colours of jewels and see if children can say how many there are of each e.g. one blue and two red.

Put groups of two or three things on plates and ask children to find plates that are the same, or make one 'odd' and ask children to find one not the same as the others.

Pairs of children can take turns to secretly hide a small number of jewels or cubes under a dish and then lift it briefly for the other to say how many there are.

Make a number of sounds with a drum and ask children to show that many fingers.

Please share your games on Seesaw.

Next week is our last week of this half term, we look forward to welcoming you for Parent Teacher Consultations. These will be in Miss Herbert's classroom. Please wait for your appointment next door in the Preschool classroom – we will come and collect you when ready. Please note, this is an adult only discussion, so please book your child into Late Stay if needed.

A reminder that half term ends at 15:20 on Thursday, with no school on Friday 23rd.

With best wishes for a lovely weekend,

The Reception Team