

Reception Class Weekly Newsletter

08.03.2024.

The Reception class has been very busy this week! We received an exciting parcel in the post, celebrated World Book Day with lots of activities and enjoyed lots of outdoor learning in the dry and sunny weather.

Maths

This week we have been learning about patterns. Before Christmas we focussed on AB patterns (e.g. red, blue, red, blue / circle, triangle, circle triangle). We are now extending the children's previous experience of AB patterns to more complex patterns such as AAB, ABC and AABC patterns.

The children have been recognising patterns which develops their skills when making connections and predictions. We have explored patterns in a variety of forms using physical objects and more abstract representations, such as sounds and movement.

The children have been creating patterns during both indoor and outdoor play, they even did this at forest school using lots of natural resources. They shared lots of fun and laughter when spotting the mistakes in Miss Smith's patterns.

Home learning: Can your child create complex patterns at home. Please send photos on Class Dojo, the children love to share these with their friends.



Phonics

We have continued with our phase 3 phonics. This week we have learnt three new phonemes (sounds) "oa" "oo" (long) & "oo" (short).

Examples of the "oo" (long):

- Spoon, moon, boot, hoot.

Examples of the "oo" (short):

- Book, look, hook, shook.

Our new phonemes this week are all **digraph's: two letters that make one sound.**

The children have been recognising and recalling the phase 2 and phase 3 sounds, blending the sounds to read words and we have continued to hold sentences in our heads to independently write.

Home learning:

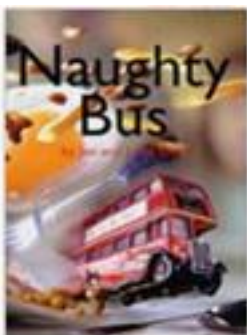
Please read **DAILY** with your child.

This is essential for children to become fluent with their reading and to revise new sounds.

Please sign their **Reading Record**.

Our core text this week was:

The Naughty Bus.



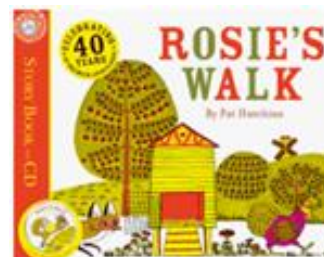
This week the children each had a ticket to come on Miss Smith's bus. Whilst on the bus, we read our new story.

The children found this story very funny and exciting!

We recalled key events of the story and put them in the correct order of what happened first to last.

Next week our core text is:

Rosie's Walk



We will be ordering simple experiences in relation to themselves, and others including stories, events, and experiences.

Library Visit.

On Monday 11th March, Reception pupils will be visiting Rawtenstall Library. We will be walking down at 9:15 and returning to school for 10:45. We will be exploring the books in the library, listening to a story and signing nursery rhymes.

Young Writers Competition.

On Wednesday afternoon we received a very exciting parcel!

Can you remember when we walked to the post box to post our competition pictures?!

We are all winners and have all been chosen to have our drawings published in a book "Me and my family".

Well done Reception! They have each received a strip of stickers and a certificate which was presented to them in the celebration assembly this morning.

In order for your child's picture to be published in the book, parents/guardians must give consent.

Your child has brought a letter home with the instructions on how to do this:

1. Visit www.youngwriters.co.uk/online
2. Enter your customer number.
3. Enter Access code.
4. If you wish to give consent, do it here and confirm the name and age of your child.

You need to do this by Friday 22nd March.

Key dates and events:

- **Monday 11th March**- Library visit.
- **Tuesday 12th March**- Reception Vision Screening.
- **Friday 15th March**- Comic Relief Day.
- **Wednesday 20th March**- Parents evening.

School Trip Payment

- **Friday 1st March**- School Trip payment (First instalment or full payment).
- **Thursday 28th March** – School trip payment (final instalment).

Important Notes:

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- Snack: If you do choose to send your child with a snack, please ensure that it is healthy - fruit. If you are sending your child with grapes they **MUST** be cut in half, vertically.
- Please help us to promote your child's independence.
Encourage them to cut their own food and get dressed independently.
- Please label **ALL** your child's clothes!
- **PE** is **Monday morning** and **Friday morning**. Please make sure they have a PE kit in school.
- **Forest School** will be on **Wednesday** morning.

Awards:

Mathematician of the week: Leo

Our value – Friendship: Anaya

Have a lovely weekend and Happy Mother's day!

Miss Smith, Miss Haworth and Mrs Malik