

Reception Class Weekly Newsletter

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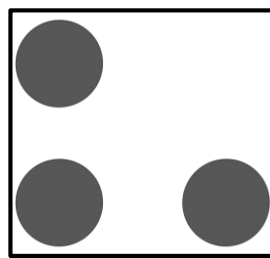
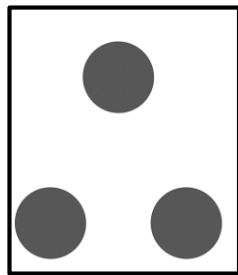
Hello everyone,

Please see what we have been learning in Reception this week and how you can help at home.

Maths

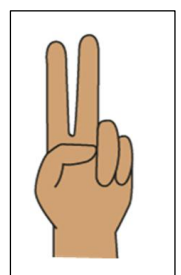
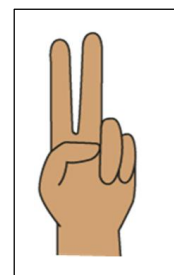
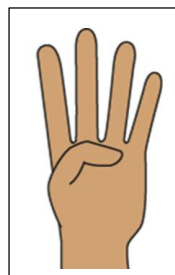
This week the children have been continuing to build upon their subitising skills. 'Perceptual' subitising - instant recognition - by saying the number of sounds that they can hear, such as claps or drum beats, without needing to count.

We have also been closely looking at small quantities and observing whether the quantity has changed or only the arrangement.



Home Learning:

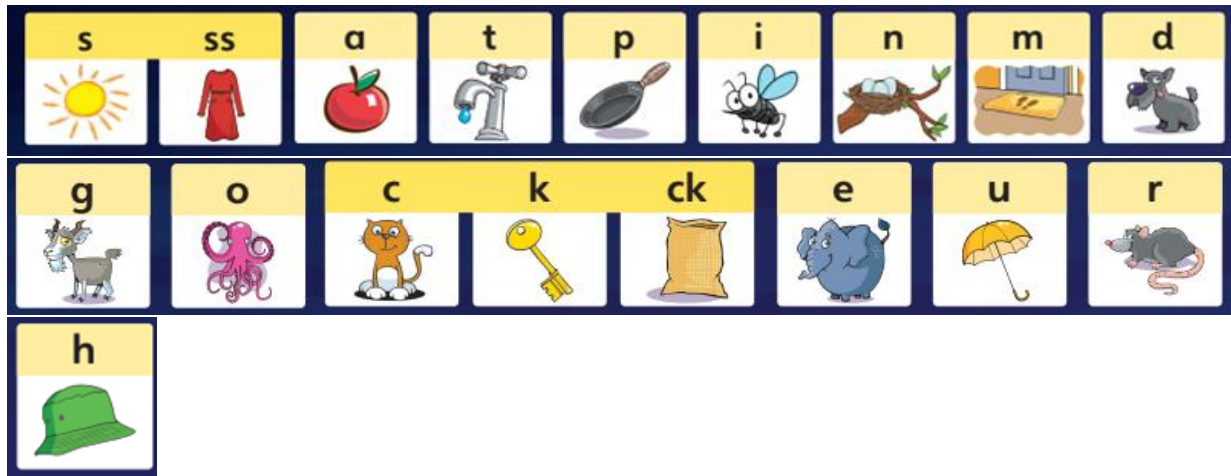
Play "show me".



- Say a number (e.g. 4).
- Children represent 4 using their fingers.
- Can you show me 4 another way? (children could do show 2 fingers on one hand and 2 fingers on the other, "2 and 2 makes 4").

Phonics

This week we have continued to learn our phase 2 phonemes:
r and h.



Home learning:

Reading at home-

- Read at home with your child, sign their reading records and your child will receive Dojo points!!!
- Talk about the features of the book: front cover, title, blurb, we read from left to right and noticing the page numbers.
- Spend time looking at the illustrations, commenting/discussing what you can see, what you think will happen next.
- Emphasise the initial sounds, e.g. "s sand" "b bag".
- Encourage children recognising, saying the sounds and then blending the sounds together to read the word.

Bug Club phonics-online learning-

Your child will have a yellow reading record in their bag.

Inside the front cover you will find a username and password to access Bug Club phonics.

Here the children have access to our Bug Club lessons, videos and games they can play at home.

Oral blending-

Children must be able to oral blend before blending to read words.

Play: "What's my word?" and use your 'robot voice'.

Our core text this week:



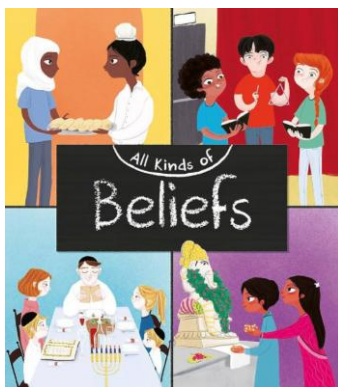
This week we have been learning about Diwali, the festival of light.

In our story we learnt how the character Arianna celebrated Diwali. We used video clips to learn new information about Diwali and we listened to and joined in with a song called "It's time for Diwali".

Throughout continuous provision we have been creating rangoli, making creative fireworks using paint and coloured sand, and making food for a Diwali party using playdough.

Our core text next week:

All Kinds of Beliefs.



We will look closely at and observe the lives of people in communities in other countries within the world.

Awards:

Mathematician of the week:

Ishmael

Our value of the week-

Peace:

Olive

Well done!



Important Notes:

- Please label **ALL** your child's belongings! (clothes, coats, bags, shoes, etc).
- **PE** is every **Monday** (Burnley Community Trust).
Please bring a PE kit: White top, shorts, pumps.
- **Children have access to outdoor learning every day.**
(We provide waterproofs and wellies. If your child would prefer to keep a set of their own waterproofs and wellies in school, they can do).
-Even though the children do wear waterproofs and wellies, splashing in puddles is lots of fun, a **spare set of socks** in their bag would be useful.
- Please can children have **water** in their water bottles.
- All children are **provided with fruit** for their **healthy snack**.

Thankyou,

Miss Smith, Miss Haworth and Mrs Rashid.