



Foundation Stage News

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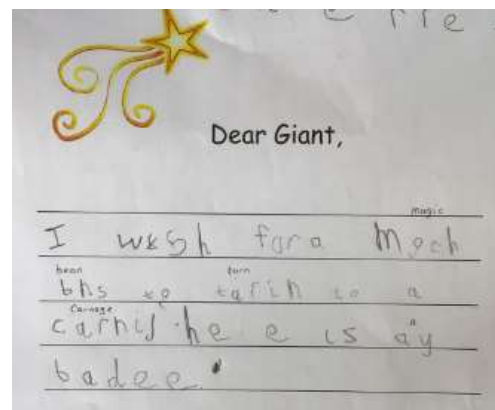
Our learning this week:

Although it has been a short week in school we have squeezed a lot of exciting learning in. On Tuesday some bean seeds arrived. The children decided what they would need to plant their seed and how to take care of it so it would grow. They have chosen to keep their beans inside for now as "it is chilly at night time" but told us "we should keep them on the window so the sun can shine on them".

FEE FI FO FUM ... the giant left us some magic beans to plant. We decided if we made a wish as we planted them it might come true. We used our Fred Talk sounds to write a sentence: I wish for a....

The children have also been building on their knowledge of the composition of number 5. We have explored the different ways we can break this number into two parts and discovered that when we combine these two parts it makes our whole number 5 again e.g. 0+5, 1+4, 2+3, 3+2, 4+1 and 5+0. We are learning to remember these number bonds off by heart. Maybe you could practise this at home with your child. Here is a link to a fun song we have been singing:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yloa6o0fMKk#:~:text=I%20Know%20My%20Number%20Bonds,for%20Kids%20%7C%20Jack%20Hartmann%20%2D%20YouTube>



Summer is here!



As the days are getting warmer we would like to ask you to send your child to school with a sunhat/cap to wear outdoors and a bottle of sunscreen. Please ensure both items are clearly named. We recommend ensuring your child has an application of sunscreen before they come to school and we will supervise them as they top it up at midday. As we cannot apply the cream ourselves it is a good idea to practise this at home first.

We have noticed that there has been a drop-off in water bottles in school. Hydration is vital for good health and brain function for learning and with the warmer weather it is an expectation they have a bottle in school every day.



PE day:

All our Reception children will now be having their PE session on a Friday therefore Ash class will no longer be in PE kit on a Thursday.

Our learning environment:



As you may be aware we no longer work as two individual classes in Reception, rather we work as one big class where all adults interact and learn with all children. For a while the children have been in a routine of hanging their coat up and having carpet times in one particular classroom (either Star or Rainbow). We have noticed that some children choose to stay and play in this room because it is part of their routine. To help them to be confident to explore across the whole environment we have swapped their room for coats and carpet time.

Our learning next week:



Next week we will begin our Minibeasts topic and will ask the children to share their what they already know and what they would like to find out next. You could prepare your child for this learning by going on your own minibeast hunt at home. The Woodland Trust has a great information page about how to do this:

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2019/04/minibeast-hunt/>

We will introduce the concept of life-cycles through the butterfly and will use information books and some real wriggly caterpillars to find out more.

In maths we will revise the concept of 1 more than and 1 less than (with numbers up to 10). We are aiming to help the children become fluent in their recall of these number facts so please practise this at home. You could play the following 2 player game: lay number cards in order from 1 to 10. Each player places their counter on number 5. One player will move backwards racing to 0 and the other player will move forwards racing to 10. Before playing write '1 more' or '1 less' on small pieces of paper. Take it in turns to turn over a piece of paper and move your counter accordingly (the player racing to zero will hope to turn over a '1 less' card and the player racing to 10 will hope to turn over a 1 more card).

Key vocabulary for next week:

insect habitat life-cycle chrysalis hatch emerge repeat symmetry pattern

Read Write Inc. home learning:



Unfortunately our Read Write Inc. school portal went down today so we cannot attach links for this week. Please revise the sounds sent out in the newsletter last week as these links should still be active.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!