



Foundation Stage News

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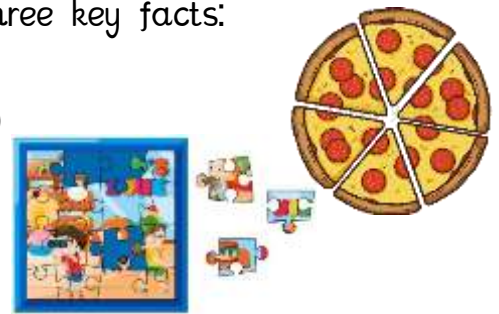
Our learning for next week:

The children have been full of great ideas and knowledge about what is under their feet. We have started to learn about the different ways in which people and animals use the underground.

Next week we will meet a fictional character called 'Archie the Archaeologist' and we will learn about how people look underground to find out about what life was like in the past. We will be creating a dig site containing artefacts from long ago. When looking at these objects we will encourage the children to be 'Think-a-docuses' and say what they think it could be. We will encourage them to explain their ideas using a full sentence starting with "I think it could be a....."

In our maths learning we have been exploring the concept of 'whole'. A whole can be represented by one object, if some of the whole object is missing it is not the whole (e.g. an apple with a bite taken out is no longer a whole). Next week we will learn about the concept of 'parts' and will teach the children that a whole can be split into two or more parts in many different ways. We will learn three key facts:

- 1) The parts might look different (in shape/size/quantity)
- 2) Each part will be smaller than the whole
- 3) The parts can be combined to make the whole



We will be exploring parts and wholes in many different ways e.g. cutting a whole banana, filling containers in the water tray, cutting up a whole picture into parts.

You can help at home by reinforcing this language of 'whole' and 'part' in daily life e.g. look you ate up your whole dinner, you have finished part of your jigsaw.

Key vocabulary for next week: part whole artefact past (before, then, long ago)



Please click on the links below to access teaching videos for the sounds your child has been learning in school this week so you can watch them together to revise at home:

- Letter y: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/A3RCBGDK/PAaL5uK3>
- Letter w: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/GYE9FWMz/cYPizpdh>
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Messages from the team:

- The children are excited to transform our role-play area into a Vet Surgery. They thought about the things they might need in their imaginative play. We wondered if you have any cuddly animal toys at home which you could donate for this role-play (the more realistic the better!)
- We are very short on the following items of spare clothing and would be very grateful for donations please:
 - grey or white tights and socks
 - school trousers
 - boys' pants.
- Please ensure your child has their book bag in school each day with their reading book and diary in their zippy wallet. Unfortunately we were unable to change a number of reading books this week as the bags were not in school.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!