



EYFS Weekly Newsletter

10th November 2017



This week in EYFS

We have started our new topic this week "Amazing Animals". This week we have been focusing on pets and the children have enjoyed talking about what pets they have at home. We have been doing simple data handling, making block charts of the most popular pets in class. In our writing, the children have been thinking about pet rhyming words. They have been attempting to write some cvc pet names like rat, cat, dog etc. We have been thinking about where our pets live and why they are best suited to these environments. We have also been thinking about why these animals make good pets and other animals would not be so good in our houses, like lions and hippopotamuses. In art the children have been looking at how to draw pets. Mrs Gingell looked at how we can make simple representations of dogs, cats, rabbits and fish. The children thought about how many legs, eyes etc the animals had and then put this into a drawing. We have some very talented, budding artists in our class this year.

This week we have also been thinking about Remembrance Sunday. The children have all shown great empathy for the soldiers that have been injured or lost their lives in the various wars. Although it is a very hard concept for the younger children to think about they all asked some really heartfelt and mature questions and it was lovely to see them be sincere and kind whilst learning about this.

Next week in Reception

Our Home Corner is going to be transformed into a vet surgery next week with the children working in there to help out some injured animals. We will be observing the children to see if they are able to take turns and share toys during play.

We are going to continue looking at data handling in our maths lessons and the children will be thinking of their own questions that they can interpret onto a block graph.

We are going to be focusing on blending sounds in our phonics lessons doing active phonics lessons through PE. The children have all got an amazing grasp of the letter sounds but some are finding blending tricky so please practise this at home. There are some great videos on YouTube that can help you with this or you can assess Letters and Sounds, from home, free of charge. Just select phase 2 games and look at the blending games available on there. They really will help your child to grasp this skill.

Tapestry

It has been great receiving all of your pictures and comments on Tapestry this week, thank you so much. If you have been unable to access this for any reason please could you contact me. On tapestry I upload videos, pictures and comments about your child's day with any observations of where we have seen your child complete an Early Learning Goal. I really don't want you to miss out on sharing your child's lovely learning experiences.

Notices

- Parents' Evening - Thursday 16th November - please put your name down for an appointment (in Reception).
- KS1 Cinema night - Monday 13th November
- Please send hats, gloves and scarves in for outdoor play.