



Next week in Reception

Next week we are going to be thinking more about the Easter story. It was really interesting this week talking about why we celebrate Easter. Many of the children were unsure of the meaning of some of the symbols of Easter, for example the egg. We spoke about this being the sign of the stone that was placed in front of the tomb. The children have enjoyed having their own bibles and exploring other stories from the New and Old Testaments. It is great to see them really thinking about Christianity. The children are so mature when answering and asking questions and are all becoming such independent learners. We will continue to learn more about the Easter story. We will be sequencing key events as well as making lots of lovely Easter art.

We are also going to begin a diary for the tadpoles, taking pictures and writing about how they are growing and changing.

This Week in Reception

The children have had a very exciting week in school. We have been very busy learning all about life cycles, thinking especially about how tadpoles turn into frogs. Sienna's Mummy and Daddy brought in some tadpoles and it has been great seeing them busily swim around the tank.

The children have also loved going to visit our pond to see all of the new frogs that have set up home there. We are extremely lucky in our beautiful school to have such amazing wide life at our finger tips.

It has been our final week with the chicks and we have been lucky enough to have them in our class, watching them drink water, have food and play. The children were all very careful when handling the chicks and it has been great watching them grow at school. I know the children will miss them dearly but they will be really happy at their free range farm.

SeeSaw

It has come to my attention that the app that we have been using is causing a few teething problems. I was under the impression that parents were able to send photos into school using the app. As this is not the case I am thinking of changing to an app called Tapestry. This is very similar to SeeSaw but would be a lot more parent friendly. I will set everyone up on this next week and keep you posted on my progress. I know that you all enjoy receiving pictures and messages on this and I would love to continue this communication with parents.

If anyone would like to ask any further questions about this, please just come to speak to me in school.

Homework

This week all children will be given a list of ten words to practise at home. These words are high frequency, tricky words that they are expected to learn by the end of Reception. If you are finding that your child is reluctant to do their homework or is finding it hard, please don't hesitate to speak to me. If they are refusing, I will do this in school with them at play or dinner time.

Notices

Thank you so much to all of the parents that have been donating things for our outdoor classroom. We are just in the process of finalising a large donation for our sensory garden. Barton Grange has also kindly given us £20 to spend in their store to buy some nice plants. If any other parents work at companies that would donate things for us to use they would be greatly appreciated.

The children absolutely love being outside and I am really passionate about the importance of outdoor learning. With Preston being amongst the worst counties in the country for children with Vitamin D deficiency, we want to give them lots of opportunities to be outdoors.