



Extreme English Week

What an exciting week we have had in Reception. The children have been doing lots of creative, fun and imaginative literacy activities and the work that they have all produced has been amazing. We have taken much of our learning outside and the children have been thinking about adjectives. We used the book Jack and the Beanstalk and thought of describing words to use in our own class work. The children had some great ideas and really understood that adding fantastic words into our writing can make it more interesting. We have done our maths work in the outdoor area this week counting various items in the water and sand. Our trip to Underwater Street was a real success and I know that all the children had an amazing day. Their behaviour, manners and passion throughout the day was acknowledged by the staff and members of the public and I was really proud of all the children. Please find pictures of the day on Tapestry.

Homework

For their homework this week I would like the children to design a poster for Imagine That! They can design this in their homework books. For their maths homework please can you practise counting at home with your child. Children are expected by the end of reception to have knowledge of all the numbers to 20. We have been working really hard on this in class but any extra help at home would be very much appreciated. Thank you!

Assessments

I am currently in the process of assessing all your children on their physical development. There are however a couple of assessments that I am unable to carry out at school. I would really like your help as you may observe your children doing these early milestones at home. Please look at the various assessments and if your child completes these at home if you could upload a picture to tapestry or take a picture and send it in to school that would be fantastic. There are some additional notes on the opposite page to guide you through this.

This Week in Reception

Next week we are going to have a few very small but really exciting visitors in class. We are going to begin our week in our new woodland area and the children are going to find a letter from a special group of little people (the fairies... "shhhhhhhhh"). Throughout the week we are going to be making a fairy garden, planting new plants and adding jewels and diamonds to make a special house for our new friends to live in. We will be learning lots of new Science skills through this with the children thinking about how we are going to take care of the plants and flowers in our fairy garden. If you have any spare plants, small world fairies etc. that you're no longer using at home we could make great use of them at school. Thank you!

Moving and Handling

ELG - Children show good control and co-ordination in large and small movements. They move confidently in a range of ways, safely negotiating space. They handle equipment and tools effectively, including pencils for writing.

EXC - Children can hop confidently and skip in time to music. They hold paper in position and use their preferred hand for writing, using a correct pencil grip. They are beginning to be able to write on lines and control letter size.

Health and Self-Care

ELG - Children know the importance for good health of physical exercise, and a healthy diet, and talk about ways to keep healthy and safe. They manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs successfully, including dressing and going to the toilet independently.

In order for your child to reach their Early Learning Goals they must be observed carrying out a variety of physical, health and self-care skills. Please find below a table that can be for your own personal use. If you would like to share this information with me then please fill in the boxes and send it back in to school.

	Yes	No
Can your child get dressed by themselves?		
Does your child go to the toilet by themselves, wiping themselves and washing their hands?		
Does your child eat a wide range of food including a variety of fruit and vegetables? Do they understand why this is important?		
Does your child use a knife and fork?		
Is your child dry during the day and night?		
Does your child use different tools safely? Knife, fork, scissors etc?		

If you have any questions or concerns about this then please do not hesitate to contact me in school. All children develop at different times and each child is unique and special in their own way. If there are things that your child is struggling with then I can offer advice or we can work extra hard in school to develop a particular basic skill.

