

Wednesday March 18th 2020

Dear Parents,

In our phonics this week we have been continuing to read, write and spell CVC, CCVC and CVCC* words containing the many letters and sounds we have learned. We have also been reading and writing these words in captions and sentences. Please practise tricky words with your child at home. These are words that can't be sounded out when reading or writing. These include I, you, the, was, he, we, they, all, are. Thank you for continuing to read with your child every day, this makes such a positive difference. Please find a minute to include practising their flash cards and let us know by marking it in their reading record each time.

We have been exploring growth, beginning with human growth and thought about names for each stage. For example, baby, toddler, child etc. We then had a go at sequencing these thinking about what changes at each stage and some of the milestones that occur. We then moved on to thinking about animals and their young, using appropriate language for 'baby animals' such as calf, foal, chick and kit. Can your child name animals and their young? Can they draw and write about the similarities and differences between them?

In maths we have looked at size. We started by comparing the heights of the children in our classes using a height chart and then went on to compare shoe size. In group time we measured using standard and non-standard units. Can your child use a ruler, cubes, string or pasta to measure objects from around the house? Can they use comparative language to say which objects are longest, shortest, widest etc? As a class, we made a pictogram to show the different sized shoes in our class. Your child may like to create a pictogram at home to discover the household's favourite food? Colour? Or anything else that is of interest to them.

Please be reminded that in light of current guidance, LR and MR assembly has been postponed until further notice.

You will notice that 2 workbooks have been sent home with your child today. These are to be used in the event of a partial or full school closure. We will keep you updated of how you could use them in these instances. We have also prepared Purple Mash logins for your children, in order for them to be able to access learning resources at home. These will be sent home on Thursday. Your child will be shown how to access the site and login, in preparation for this.

Please continue to check your Parentmail and the school's website for regular updates.

Best wishes.

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C= Consonant

V= Vowel