

Friday November 12th 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

In our phonics this week, we have been learning the letters and their sounds for, 'y', 'z', 'zz' and 'qu'. We practised identifying these letters and saying the sounds that they make. We have also been practising writing the letters. Can your child practise forming the letters at home? Can they remember the rhymes to help us when forming them? Please ensure they are using lower case letters with correct start and end points. Can they tell you any words that begin with these sounds? Can they spot any of these letters in your home, outside, in books or posters? Can they read any words that contain just these letters such as 'yes', 'zip', 'buzz' or 'quiz'. You might also like to play games with your child such as "I spy".

Please continue to practise writing your child's name with them, ensuring they hold their pencil correctly and form their letters from the correct starting point. Please help them to use a capital letter at the beginning of their name followed by lower case letters, rather than a mix of the two.

In maths we have been continuing to count carefully making sure that we are saying the correct number name for each item as we count it. We have been comparing groups of items seeing which group has more or less or if they have an equal amount. Can your child gather some objects in your house and separate them into two groups so that each group has an equal amount? Then can they then add some extra objects to one group and tell you which group has more? Can they tell you the difference between the two groups?

This week we have been acting out the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' using actions, repeated language and character voices. Can your child tell you the story using any of the actions? Do they remember the repeated language? For example "not by the hair on my chinny, chin, chin". Can they use character voices?

There are still a few outstanding signed provision maps to be returned. Please could you send them in as soon as possible.

Many thanks, have a lovely weekend

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