



Reception 'Donaldson' Weekly

Newsletter - 12.4.24

What have we been up to this week?

This week we have been reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and starting our topic of 'I Wonder How We Grow'.

In Phonics this week, we have been focusing on Phase 4 CVCC words with short vowel sounds. We have also learnt some new tricky words this week 'said, so, have, like'.

This week our focus words for spelling and writing have been words such as help, lift, best, soft, pond, fact, hand.

In Literacy we have been reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar and then learning the story through actions and by drawing a story map!

In Maths we have been doing a lot of counting, including counting things we cannot see (like sounds). We have also been looking at how we can count big groups of objects, focusing on accuracy.

Thank you for all of your photographs of when the children were babies, they have loved looking at these and have talked about the things we need to help us grow into toddlers, children, teenagers and then adults. They have also had a great time drawing what they would like to be when they grow up!

During PE we have been pretending to be dung beetles and focused on our control of rolling balls.

Next week we will be...

- Continuing to learn the Hungry Caterpillar and starting to write about this story
- Creating patterns in maths
- Making arrangements of 6 and showing doubles
- Thinking about what animals and humans need to grow
- Learning to label parts of a plant
- Talking all about making friends in Jigsaw
- Developing our stopping of a ball when it rolls

Ways to help at home...

- **Read! Read! Read!** This is the biggest thing you can do to support your child's learning journey! Children should be reading their books from school at least 3 x a week at home please.
- Practice writing short phrases and sentences independently with finger spaces.
- Count to 30 out loud.
- Ask your child to invent their own 5-sentence story!
- Practice recognition of odd and even numbers - you can't make a pair with an odd number!

Requests and reminders:

We are trying to grow our resources in our home corner, to make this feel more like a 'real life' home. We have very kindly been given some Chinese cultural resources, such as empty Chinese juice bottle and a Chinese written calendar.

If anyone has anything else they would be able to donate to help us broaden our diverse range of resources, this would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for helping me settle in to my first week of Reception! 😊