

Reception 'Donaldson' Weekly

Newsletter - 19.4.24

What have we been up to this week?

Our current topic 'I Wonder How We Grow' with 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' twisted in.

In Phonics this week, we have been focusing on CCVCC and CCCVCC words and have also learnt some new tricky words - were, here, little, says.

This week our focus words for spelling and writing have been words such as - stamp, twist, blend, strong, string, scrunch.

In Literacy this week we have continued on with our work around The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We have been writing short sentences to help write the story, thinking very carefully about capital letters and full stops. The children have also been introduced to the two new big words of 'nouns' and 'adjectives'.

In Maths we have been thinking about what numbers we use to make 5 and then what numbers involve using 5 and 'a bit' for example, 5 and 2 make 7, 7 is made from 5 and 2. This could be developed in the children's caterpillar maths homework, encouraging them to use different colours to show this.

During PE we have been starting to learn a May Pole dance, ready to perform on Friday 3rd May! This has been alongside our ball rolling skills.

The children really enjoyed their Forest School session this week, where Mr Birch helped to support the children in identifying close up observations of leaves.

Next week we will be...

- Maypole dancing!
- Planting seeds during our Forest school session
- Thinking about the composition of 10 in maths
- Sentence writing for The Very Hungry Caterpillar story
- Making fruit kebabs
- Continuing to learn about Matisse's artwork

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.
- Ask your child to invent their own 5-sentence story! (Once upon a time, One day, Unfortunately, Luckily, Finally)
- Recall number bonds to 5 and 10 and recognise doubles
- Practice counting on from any number, up to 30

Requests and reminders:

Due to our illnesses this week, we haven't got around to planting our seeds so will be doing them next week! Thank you so much for all of your pots you have sent in, please could you send in two named yoghurt pots if you haven't done so (or something plastic and similar).

Dates for your diary -

- Friday 3rd May - parent reading from 2.45pm
- Wednesday 22nd May - OPAL parent session 1.15pm