

Reception News

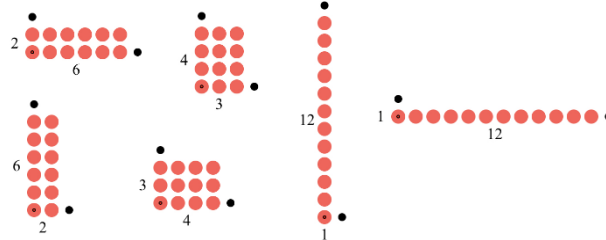
This week we are continuing our 'Starry Night' theme and will be reading 'Peace at Last' by Jill Murphy. We will be thinking about jobs that people do when we go to sleep as well as continuing to think about bedtime routines including brushing our teeth.

This week we are learning:

Phonics – we are starting to learn some vowel digraphs. Digraphs are sounds that are made by two letters together. This week we will learn 'ai' in words like pain, rain and drain and 'ee' in words like feel, heel and meet. We will also learn the tricky words we and are.

Literacy – Rex Retriever (one of the Pawsome Pals) will be helping us learn about retrieval (comprehension) when reading books. We will be looking at pictures and reading text and then trying to find the answer to Rex' questions. We are also continuing to learn about sentences and will be finishing sentences from 'Peace at Last'.

Maths – this week we are learning all about the number 12. We watched the NumberBlocks episode which is about arrays. An array is an arrangement of objects, numbers or pictures in columns and rows.



Jigsaw – our Jigsaw focus for this term is 'Our Dreams and Goals'. We will be continuing to talk about perseverance and setting goals for ourselves.

Music – This weeks music is based around the piece *The sorcerer's apprentice*, by Paul Dukas. Pupils will explore how music can tell a story and will be supported in identifying elements of music within a piece, such as dynamics (loud/quiet) and tempo (fast/slow).

PE – we are continuing to focus on balance but this week we will be sitting down. We will practice how to balance when we lift one leg, two legs, one arm and two arms. We will then move onto balancing whilst lifting all hands and legs off the floor and when moving an object from one side of the body to the other.

Handwriting – we will continue with our long ladder letters. This week we are learning t and u.

Other – we will be learning how to look after our teeth. We will be helping some of our cuddly toys to brush their teeth and will be looking at foods which are good for our teeth and those which are not so good. We are also looking at textures and will be exploring which texture would be good for a teddy bear.

Reminders

- Uniform reminder – Reception uniform is black joggers/leggings, white polo shirt, TGFS green sweatshirt/cardigan, black shoes that cover the whole foot and white, grey or black socks. Jewellery is not permitted in Reception. If earrings cannot be removed they need to be covered with tape before coming to school. Our uniform remains the same throughout the year. We do not wear summer dresses or shorts in Reception as we use the woodland daily. Please refer to the school website if you're unsure: [Tylers Green First School - Uniform Information](#)
- Bug Club – please let us know if you are having any problems with Bug Club or if you've forgotten or lost your log in details. Using Bug Club daily makes such a difference to the children's confidence and fluency with reading and writing.