

Reception News

We had the perfect weather for our 'Winter Wonderland' theme last week. The children had a great time exploring with ice. We had some great vocabulary used to describe how it felt and what happened as it melted. This week we start our 'Starry Night' topic and will be looking at the nighttime sky and stars. We are also starting PE lessons this week, and we start handwriting lessons. Each week we will practice two letters using both lower and upper case. This week we will practice **l** and **i**.

This week we are learning:

Phonics – we are learning the digraphs 'th' and 'ng' and the tricky word 'they'. Now that we are learning digraphs, we will only be learning two new sounds each week. This may mean that new games are only updated fortnightly as Bug Club group sounds into 4s.

Literacy – we are focusing on sequencing using a Pawsome Gang character called Suki Sequence. We are also learning about sentences and will be making sentences with a noun and a verb. First we will make sentences orally and then the children will write them.

Maths – this week we are learning all about the number 11. We have watched the NumberBlocks episode and will be playing games outside as a follow up. We will be counting how many points we score and working out how many more we need to get to 11. We will also be using numicon to find number bonds for 11 and will be using part-part-whole diagrams.

Jigsaw – our Jigsaw focus for this term is 'Our Dreams and Goals'. This week we will be thinking about perseverance. We will talk about what to do when we find something challenging and how we can keep going.

Music – we will continue with our 'I've Got a Grumpy Face' lesson, thinking about how emotions are shown in music and how music can affect our mood.

PE – we are focusing on balancing on one leg. We will be trying to stand up straight and use our hands to steady us. We will then try to stand on one leg, first with our eyes open and then with our eyes closed.

Other – we are looking at constellations and will be making our own using stickers and chalk. We will also be reading 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy and will be using anything we can find to re-tell the story.

Reminders

- PE starts this week on Monday afternoons. Although we are happy to help with buttons etc, we do expect children to be able to dress/undress themselves as much as possible. Please help your child by practicing dressing/undressing at home, including turning clothes in the right way.
- Bug Club – please remember to log in to Bug Club regularly or practice the sounds and tricky words that we are teaching in a practical way. Regular practice makes a huge difference to children's confidence and fluency with reading and writing. For children who do not yet recognise all of the phase 2 sounds that we've taught, we will be sending home a list of sounds that they know/don't know so you know which ones to continue practicing.
- Father Christmas brought twin babies for Willow class at the end of last term. The children have been doing a great job of looking after them, particularly those children who have had new additions to their own families recently. If anybody has any unwanted newborn nappies at home, we would be very grateful for donations. The children would like to learn how to change nappies (so they can help at home).
- Tea time children – Little Oaks have given us an updated list of children going to Tea Time Club each day. Please remember to let us know if your child isn't going on a day that they usually do. We are not on the Tea Time WhatsApp group and do not see messages sent to Little Oaks.
- Please remember to send hats and gloves to school every day. It is very cold, especially when we go outside in the mornings.