

Reception News

We had a very creative week last week with our fairytale folk theme. The children had some great ideas for stories with each class making up their own collaborative stories. We made fairy wings, knights shields, designed dresses for princesses, wrote letters to the tooth fairy and thought of rhyming words for fairytale folk.

This week Maple class will be learning about castles. They will be building castles, learning about castles and turning themselves into princes and princesses.

Willow class will be learning about creatures that live under the sea. We have lots of questions about sharks, whales, starfish and octopi such as 'how big is a sharks tooth', 'how do whales swallow food' and 'do all animals that live under the sea have tails and why'.

This week we are learning:

Phonics – we are learning the digraphs 'oi' and the tricky words 'all', 'was', 'give' & 'live'.

Literacy – Willow will be reading non-fiction books about creatures that live in the sea and will be writing facts to make our own non-fiction book. Maple will be reading lots of stories about dragons and will be writing speech bubbles and words to describe dragons.

Maths –we will be focusing on number 14 and doubling this week. We will continue to work on adding two numbers together and will look at number bonds for 14. Outside we will be making obstacle courses to practice counting to 14.

Jigsaw – we are continuing to learn about healthy bodies. This week we will be talking about sleep – why it's important, how can we get to sleep and how much sleep do we need.

Music – we will continue our 'Row Row Row Your Boat' lesson on SingUp. We will be using the rowing action to help us move to the beat.

PE – this week we will be focusing on coordination. We will be hopping, skipping, jumping and galloping and will make up routines to move around the hall.

Handwriting – our Curly Caterpillar letters this week are d & e.

Other – we will be using various construction materials to build castles, dressing up as princes and princesses, making jellyfish and other sea creatures

Reminders

- It was lovely to see so many of you last week for parent consultations. Please remember that we are always happy to meet with you if you have any concerns about your child.
- Some of the children seem to have a lot of large keyrings on their book bags. Book bags are stored in drawers which are just big enough for the bag. Large keyrings make it very difficult for the children to shut their drawers and for other children to open and close their drawers. Please remove any large keyrings and limit the number of keyrings that children have on their bags.
- As the weather improves and we are starting to get some warmer days, please remember that children still need a waterproof coat in school every day. The British weather is unpredictable, and we would hate to have to abandon an exciting lesson outside because of an unexpected shower.