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Year R Newsletter

Last week the children enjoyed learning about changes that happen in Spring and looking for things that are growing.

This week we will explore this more by looking at stories related to Spring.

Maths: First, Then, Now

This week we will be learning about taking away using the language of first, then, now to tell Maths 'stories' eg. **first** there were 3 people on the bus, **then** 2 got on, **now** there are 5 people left on the bus. We will be relating this to the symbol for addition.

You can support your child at home by trying to use the same language. **First** there were 2 people in the car, **then** Mum got in, **now** there are 3 people in the car. You can also use blocks or Lego to show which has more and count the difference between towers.

Writing support

We are continuing to consolidate our sounds in phonics and supporting the children to apply their sounds in their writing. Here are a few things that you can do to support them:

- Using the videos on Google classroom. practise forming letters correctly- particularly ones your child may still find tricky.
- Remind your child to hold their pencil correctly, using a 'tripod grip'
- Encourage your child to write- cards/lists/letters/captions for pictures/recipes/stories etc.
- When writing, remind your child to say it, stretch it, sound it for each word.
- If you are 'sounding out' for your child, please use each phoneme and not each letter eg. happy is sounded out h-a-p-ee not h-a-p-p-y. This means words might not be spelled 'correctly' but will be phonetically accurate eg. 'happy' may be written as 'hapee'. As children learn more phonemes and words, they will begin to spell accurately. At this stage, getting them writing and applying the sounds they know is most important.



School Trip

As you know our school trip to Kent Life will take place next Wednesday 8th May.

On that day, children need to come to school at the normal time in their school uniform. They will not need a school bag but will need a disposable bag containing their packed lunch and their water bottle. Please make sure that their water bottle has their name on it also. Children will need to wear their usual coat with a hood that they wear for school.

Thank you for your continued support.