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Sunflowers' Newsletter

The children have been really enjoying our Winter topic. Last week they made super snow monsters inspired by the story of 'Betty and the Yeti' and after reading 'One Snowy Night' they made bird feeders to help look after the birds that sometimes visit our garden. Have a look at the website to see some pictures.

Maths– Growing 6,7,8

This week the children will be exploring different ways of making the numbers 6,7 and 8. You can support at home by asking children to give you 6,7 or 8 objects or by doing exercises that number of times eg. jump 6 times, stamp 7 times etc.

Reading

Please do let us know in your child's reading record how they are doing with the new books that they have taken home. As mentioned before, don't worry if they are still not blending the letters together to read the words. The more practice they get the more confident they will become.

Communication and Language

Communication and language is one of the prime areas of learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage. It is incredibly important and underpins all of the other areas of learning. With your support, we are making this a focus for our children. Outlined are a few things that we have planned.

Tapestry Takeover

Over the next few weeks we are going to encourage the children to take photos of things that they think are important. The adults will then add the photo to tapestry for them without comments. At home, your child can talk to you about their photos that get added to spark conversation about what they like to do at school. You can then add your comments to the post.

Speechlink

Every child has been assessed using a programme called speechlink which identifies any sounds that the children might have trouble pronouncing. If your child is having trouble with certain sounds then we will work through the programme with them at school and send home the activities so that you can practice with them too.

Tapestry Activities

On tapestry I will set a practical activity for you to complete with your child with the aim of developing communication and language skills. This will be completely optional but I hope it will give you an opportunity to perhaps explore something different with your child. I am not 100% sure how the planned activities will work on the tapestry app so please let me know if it is not working well and it can be transferred to Google Classroom. I will aim to set a new activity every two weeks.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns please contact me through the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.