



22nd March 2019

Dear Family,

This week we have been busy exploring halving, doubling and symmetry through stories and games and the children even designed symmetrical pizzas for our bear story character!

Parent consultations

Thank you for meeting with us this week to discuss your child's progress, it was lovely to talk to you about how well the children are doing.

Please help your child to work on their targets to help them achieve the Early Learning Goals in the summer term. Thank you for your support.

Magic Bean homework project!



The children have been telling us that their magic beans have been growing taller and taller at home! The children are welcome to bring them back into school next week, along with their bean diaries and we will look after them and share our growing projects in the last week of term.

Gruffalo Trail trip: Friday 29th March



The children are very excited about our trip next week!

Thank you for returning the children's permission forms and trip money, if you haven't done so please return the form and money by Monday 25th March.

The children can wear non-uniform: a tracksuit, or jeans and a jumper with a waterproof coat would be best so they are warm. They can wear wellington boots if you have them, if not, trainers are absolutely fine. The children do not need to bring any money with them, as we will not be visiting the gift shop.

You can choose whether your child has a packed lunch provided by the school (this will be a sandwich, a carton of juice, fruit and a flapjack) or you can provide your child with a packed lunch (if you do please put their packed lunch in a plastic bag with their name on - please ensure the packed lunches are healthy and send in drinks in a

carton/plastic bottle and put their food in disposable wrapping - the children are not allowed chocolate, crisps or sweets. Thank you.

Maths:

This week we explored doubling and symmetry. We started by sharing the same number of spots on each half of the ladybird's wings on ladybird templates. Through the week the children learnt to write number sentences to show their doubling: $1 + 1 = 2$, $2 + 2 = 4$, $3 + 3 = 6$, $4 + 4 = 8$, $5 + 5 = 10$ etc.

The children also practised painting one half of a mini-beasts body and then folding over their painting to make the other half - and seeing that it was now symmetrical!

Please encourage your child to complete the picture to make their mini-beast symmetrical.

Literacy:

This week the children made lots of predictions in our Big Book about a bear's yum yuk pizza and we practised reading our phase 2 and 3 words by sight in the story.

We have now taught all letter sounds, digraphs and trigraphs and we will recap them for the rest of the Reception year. Please help your child to recognise and write all the phonics sounds - we are sending home the template we use in school.

Phase Two Words: please practise reading by sight (automatically) Please also practise writing the words.

a	can	up	him	is
an	dad	mum	his	it
as	had	but	not	of
at	back	the	got	off
if	and	to	no	on
in	get	I	go	into

Phase 3 Words: Please practise writing the words once your child can read them.

will	that	this	her
then	them	with	my

see	for	now	are
down	look	too	you
he	she	we	they
me	be	was	all

Phase 4 words to practise reading at home

went	help	do	little
it's	said	some	one
from	have	come	when
children	like	were	out
just	so	there	what

Phase 5 words to practise reading at home

don't	house	came	put	oh
old	about	make	their	people
I'm	your	here	Mr	called

by	day	saw	Mrs	asked
time	made	very	looked	could



Morning Reading club

You are welcome to come into school on **Tuesday and Friday mornings** to read with your child. Mrs McGhie will also be with you to support you with any questions you may have about your child's phonics and reading skills. The sessions will run from 8.20 - 8.45am. Please come to the school office at 8.20am. Thank you.

Mother's Day Breakfast: Thursday 28th March: 9-10.30am

To celebrate Mother's day the children would like to invite their mum, nanny, older sister (over 18) or auntie into school next week to spend the morning enjoying Mothers Day activities and a breakfast tea party!

(Due to space we can only invite one member of the family into school.)

Please sign your name on our class sign up sheets if you can come to our Mother's Day morning.

Water Bottles

Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle to school everyday.
Thank you.

Reminders:

- Thursday 28th March - **Mother's Day Breakfast**
- Friday 29th March - **Reception trip to The Gruffalo Trail in Brentwood**
- Friday 5th April - **Last day of school**
- Tuesday 23rd April - **School reopens for the Summer term - St George's Day: The children can wear red and white non-uniform**

Wishing you a lovely weekend! The Reception team