



RECEPTION - Autumn 1

Classroom

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Avondale
Primary School



Week Commencing - 14th October 2024

OUR NEXT STEPS IN LEARNING

Next steps in Language – This week during our Time to Talk sessions, we will continue to reinforce our “Good Listening and Talking Rules” and we will begin each session with a game to help develop our working memory. We will continue to secure our understanding of the narrative question - Who? Our ‘Nursery Rhyme Of The Week’ is “The Grand Old Duke of York”

How you can support at home –

- Sing lots of nursery rhymes at home. Research has found that when a child knows eight or more nursery rhymes by heart, at the age of 4, that they are usually one of the best at reading and spelling in their class by the age of 8!
- Click on the link to sing the rhyme - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zLlslnAstH8>

Next steps in Phonics – This week will be reinforcing all our learning so far. We will be orally blending and segmenting the sounds in words as this is a key skill for reading and writing. We will be playing games to reinforce our recognition of the phoneme sounds – s a t p i n m g d. We will be blending and reading simple words containing these sounds e.g. dig, pad, pig, man etc.

How you can support at home –

- Encourage your child to recognise and read the following sounds – s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d (the sheets sent home in your child's reading folder will help with this).
- Practise blending sounds to read the words – sad, man, pan, tin (the sheets sent home in your child's reading folder will help with this).
- Can your child spot any of these sounds and letters in their environment or a story book?
- As your child moves onto books with words, please ensure you practise this reading book as often as possible at home.

Next steps in Literacy – This week we will be thinking again about the feeling of happiness and creating our own happy jars filled with things that make us happy!

How you can support at home –

- Share a bedtime story and develop their love for reading – talk about the title, illustration and blurb.

Next steps in Maths – FOCUS: Subitising

This week, the children will build on their subitising skills. They will continue to use ‘perceptual’ subitising – instant recognition – by saying the number of sounds that they can hear, such as claps or drum beats, without needing to count. They will be encouraged to look closely at small quantities and observe whether the quantity has changed or only the arrangement.

When investigating the shapes made by Numberblock Four and making similar arrangements, children may also begin to develop their skills of ‘conceptual’ subitising. They will begin to notice the sub-groups that can be perceived within a larger set, and recognise the whole at the same time. For example, they will see that Numberblock Four can be arranged with 2 blocks on top of another 2 blocks or as a line of 3 with 1 on top, and connect both to 4. This will further develop their understanding of part-whole relations and the composition of number.

The children will also be encouraged to represent quantities in different ways by using a number of fingers on one hand. Some children will be able to show an amount ‘all at once’ while others will need a lot more practice to be able to do this.

How you can support at home –

- Practise counting objects around your house.
- Look for and talk about numerals in the environment.

RECEPTION PIRATE DAY

THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER

On THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER, to celebrate the end of this topic, we will have a Reception Pirate Day – the pupils can come to school dressed as pirates. We will have lots of fun pirate games and activities, and we will follow a special trail around school to find the hidden treasure!



SPARE CLOTHES

If we have had to send your child(ren) home with any of our spare undies/knickers/socks/tights, please could you check if you have them at home? If you do please could you wash and send back, they usually have Avondale written in it.



PARENTS' EVENING

Wednesday 16th October is Parents' evening. Please ensure that you have booked an appointment via the link sent out. If you are struggling to book an appointment, then please ring the office.

If you have a child in After School Club and your appointment is around 6pm, please could you collect your child before you attend your appointment as it closes at 6pm.

We look forward to meeting with you.

Thank you.

HAVE A LOVELY WEEK

THE EYFS TEAM

