Peek at the Week



The Dot Why is it important to 'have a go'?

This week in Reception we have been reading the story The Dot' by Peter H Reynolds. In this story, Vashti doubts her creativity skills and feels worried about her Art classes. The teacher's compassion helps her to overcome her fears, enabling her to 'have a go'. In the story, Vashti helps another student the way her teacher helped her. We have been learning about why it is important to have a go especially when we are faced with challenges. The children showed off their creativity skills by creating drawings using a single dot on their page. They also had a go at writing captions explaining what they had drawn using their phonic sounds. We have also explored Aboriginal Artwork and the children enjoyed creating their own painting using a dots.

In Maths, we have been learning about the composition of numbers 4 and 5. We have looked at the different ways we can make those numbers using number sentences. It has been very cold this week! So much so the water in our tuff trays froze. The children had lots of fun trying to break free a variety of objects from the ice. We added salt to the ice to see what would happen! Reception have also enjoyed doing dot-to-dot pictures to develop their fine motor skills. What a busy week we have had!







Forest School - Volunteers needed

We are very grateful to the parents who volunteer to help with Forest School on a Friday morning.

We have some parents who come regularly and some who come when they are available. It can be lovely to see some of the activities that are available to the children.

If you would like to find out more or volunteer to support the children, please contact Annabel (email at the bottom of the page) or talk to your class rep or teacher.





Mystery Reader! DO NOT TELL YOUR CHILD!



Children LOVE mysteries and they also love their families! We would like you to help us! Every week we are asking for a family member to come and read a story to their children's class. Maybe your child's favourite bedtime story? Maybe a story from your own childhood? It could be in your home language. This would be at the end of the day for no more than 10-15 minutes!

If you would like to volunteer for the first session, or just want to know more details, please secretly talk to or email your class teacher. Remember – DON'T TELL YOUR CHILD! This is to be a surprise for them too!

Please Read Every Night

It is wonderful to see all of the lovely reading happening at home. Please also make sure to read the Big Cat book we have given to your child. This gives them the chance to practise their phonics skills. We always see the best progress from children who read regularly at home. Thank you.



Dip and Do

- If you speak another language at home, how do you say 'good morning?' Can you teach us?
- If you do not speak another language at home, can you look up how to say 'good morning' in another language and come and share it with us?

Important Dates

Maths Early Bird: Wednesday 24th January, 8.30-9:15am

You are invited to join your child as they come into class. We will set up a selection of different Maths based games and activities to showcase the kind of activities you can play at home to support your child.

Last day of half term: 9th February Finish 3:15pm

First day back to school: Monday 19th February 8:30am

Family Phonics: Tuesday 20th February, 8:30-10:am

We would like to invite families to come and watch a class, Little Wandle phonics session. The phonics will be finished by 9:30am and the children will then be learning independently. You are welcome to stay until 10:00am and join your child as they learn inside or in our outside area. If you need to leave earlier, please make sure your Teacher or LSA knows you are going.

Contacts

If you would like to contact any of us by email. We will reply as soon as possible within school working hours.

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