

Sylvester Primary Academy

Early Years Newsletter

Autumn Term- Friday 12th January 2024



Nursery Class

This week we have been very busy welcoming new friends to class, learning about the number 3 and reading 'The Colour Monster' as our focus book. The Colour Monster has helped us to learn about different feelings we might have, e.g. happy, sad, angry, loved, scared and calm/relaxed. We made colour feelings bottles, shared what makes us happy using the 'chatty chair' and created an interactive feeling display for our classroom. Our Maths activities comprised recognising what a set of 3 looks like as well as learning about different ways we can make 3, e.g. 2 and 1, 1 and 2, 1 and 1 and 1. We are learning how to 'grow and show' 3 on our fingers too. We have been playing lots of games to welcome our new friends and to help everyone learn each other's names. Our favourite is Bug in a Rug!

Here is a link to a YouTube version of The Colour Monster story:

[Colour Monster Story](#)

Here is a link to the feelings song we have been listening to this week:

[Feelings Song](#)

Reception Class

This week we have started to read a new book: Izzy Gizmo. Izzy Gizmo is all about a little girl who loves to make inventions. The children have had lots of fun with the teachers making their own inventions, perhaps squirry cream was not the best thing to use! In Maths we have been exploring some simple games and looking at ways to record results. We used some animal characters and ordered the results and decided who was the overall winner. We looked at different ways to make 5. In Phonics we continued to look at our set 1 sounds and practice our blending. We know for some children putting the sounds together to read the word can take time so please find lots of time to practice this. Give simple instructions e.g. Put it in the b-i-n and see if the children can put the last word together.

Key Dates:

Reception Class Stay and Play- This is an opportunity for a parent/carer to attend a stay and play session with their child. You will have the opportunity to look at your child's work books, discuss with the staff how they are getting on and spend some time with your child. Each class will have two time slots and parents/carers can choose the session that best suits them. We will send out forms nearer the time but just wanted to give some advance warning.

Miss Tomlinson's Class – Wednesday 7th February 9-10am or 2-3pm

Miss Ball's Class- Thursday 8th February 9-10am or 2-3pm

[Reminders:](#)