

Sylvester Primary Academy

Early Years Newsletter

Spring Term- 15th March 2024



Nursery Class

This week we have been learning about height and length. We built 'tall' and 'short' towers out of blocks and spent time comparing them. For our length activities we played with 'caterpillar' ribbons and practised lining them up to see which was the 'longest' and 'shortest'.

On Monday we read the story 'Jasper's Beanstalk' and played with a soil sensory tray, filling and emptying pots and containers and planting our own bean seeds...just like Jasper! We talked about what we might find at the top of our beanstalks. Here are a few examples of our ideas: a play ground, a swing and a swimming pool!

Today it was 'Wear Blue for Bobby' so we read the story 'Teddy Takes A Walk' where the children learned about the importance of holding the hand of their adult when walking near roads.

Here is a link to a 'Let's Compare' game we have been playing in class:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/early-years/lets-compare>

Reception Class

This week in Reception we have started a new text 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle. We have explored how seeds grow and how they travel and disperse. We have written some simple instructions on how to plant a seed.

In Maths we have had a consolidation week in which we have gone through and explored some concepts we have learnt earlier in the year. This has included sharing, ordering objects from shortest to tallest and finding ways to make 10.

In Phonics we are focusing on reading words with special friends (two letters that make one sound). These are the special friends we have looked at so far: sh, ch, qu, th, ng, nk, ay, ee, igh and ow. Why not have a try reading and writing some words with these sounds.

Key Dates:

Parents Evening for Reception Class- Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th March. Further details have gone out on our whole school Class Dojo.

End of Term: Wednesday 27th March

Children finish at 1.15pm. Please note due to this there will be no afternoon Nursery on that day.

Wednesday 27th March 9.15-10am

Easter Parade- Children can decorate an Easter Bonnet or accessory to wear that day. There will then be an Easter Parade in the hall and parents/carers can watch. Nursery do not do this in the hall as this can be overwhelming.

Reminders:

Please ensure all items of uniform are clearly labelled. As you can imagine with young children jumpers/cardigans are easily misplaced and it is very difficult to get them back to the right person without names in them.

Just a reminder no nut products to be brought into school this includes Nutella products.