

Sylvester Primary Academy

Early Years Newsletter

Spring Term- 24th January 2025



Nursery Class

This week we have been learning about number 4 with the help of the story 'Pete and his 4 Groovy Buttons'. We have counted a set of objects, made our own sets of 4, been on number hunts and learned about squares and rectangles having 4 sides. As part of our craft activities we have created a 'Three Little Pigs' class display and recreated our own artworks based on Henri Matisse's 'The Snail'. Our younger children have been learning new songs and playing lots of group games to help build relationships and learn the names of their friends.

Pete and his 4 Groovy Buttons Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=py8h1Q3UIbY>

Shape Monster Game: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/early-years/shape-monsters> (Can you find and name the 4 sided shapes?)

Reception Class

This week we have finished the book 'Izzy Gizmo' and focused on using the language of 'beginning, middle and end'. We sequenced the story using pictures and illustrations. In Maths we have been exploring mass and capacity. The children have been using the language of full and empty and been exploring containers in the water area.

Next week we are looking forward to learning all about Chinese New Year. We will be tasting some different Chinese foods. This will lead us onto our next book 'The Magic Paintbrush' by Julia Donaldson.

Key Dates:

Reception Class- Stay and Play

Thursday 13th February 2025- Parents will have the choice of attending a session 9-10am or 2-3pm that day. We will send letters out nearer the time so that you can indicate which session you would prefer.

Reminders:

Reception PE Days- Miss Ball's Class (Tuesday) Miss Tomlinson's Class (Thursday)

Just a reminder for Nursery and Reception, if you are in a position to be able to do so we kindly ask for £1.00 a week snack money. Thanks

Reception children were all given book bags earlier in the school year. Can you please ensure that these are brought into school each day as we are trying to encourage children to put their pictures and things to take home in them. Thanks

Reading Books in Reception- If your child has a reading book (not all children do yet) can you please bring them into school on a Tuesday. If you could please encourage your child to have it

out of their bag as they approach the classroom door that day it will help us to ensure we do not miss changing any books. Thank you for your support.