

Reception Newsletter 13th May 2022

Dear parents/carers,

This week we have been:

- Focusing our learning on the story *Whatever Next!* By Jill Murphy. This classic text is great for encouraging story writing. We will be having a go at writing our own version using simple sentences such as 'Can I go to the moon?' and 'Woosh went the rocket.'
- Learning to double numbers in maths. Children have done well grasping that double numbers are just the same amount twice. They have learnt to represent double numbers with objects (4 counters and then 4 more counters), drawings (drawing 5 spots on one side of a ladybird and then 5 spots on the other side), as well as by writing number sentences ($3+3=6$).
- Playing in the new year 1 and 2 infant playground area at lunch times. This is the playground around the back of the school, outside of the year 1 and 2 classrooms. We find this a really useful transition tool, to support with getting the children ready for year 1. It means that they get confident in using the year 1 toilets at lunch time and get time to bond with the year 1 children.

Next week we will be:

- Continuing to learn about Space, focusing on the moon next week!
- Learning to half amounts by sharing them between two in maths.
- Having a space picnic! Next week on Friday 20th we will be having a pretend picnic on the moon like Baby Bear has in the story *Whatever Next!* We will be making sandwiches (and providing the ingredients for this) at school that morning. We were wondering if any parents would be happy to bring in a punnet of strawberries, maybe a pack of biscuits, or a packet of plain crisps, to add to the picnic? We will still be having our usual lunch that day, so we really don't need much at all, just more of a mid-morning snack to go alongside our literacy learning. Many thanks in advance for your support, we really appreciate it as always!
- Revisiting and reviewing all sounds learnt especially the digraphs.
- Visiting the ducklings before they leave us, hopefully once they have hatched today (or over the weekend at Miss R's house!) They are a bit slow hatching this year!

You can help at home by:

- Donating any old/unwanted children's underwear that are washed and in good condition to re-fill our spare clothes drawer. They are excellent at remembering to go to the loo themselves especially at this point in the year, but sometimes get caught short.

Using our RL and RB class cake sale money we have booked for a planetarium to be set up in our school hall on Tuesday 24th May for children to experience the solar system and go on a simulated journey into space. The company will set up a giant inflatable dome which children will crawl into in small groups and each have a half hour workshop learning about space. Thank you so much for your amazing cake sale efforts this year which has made this possible! We really appreciate it and very much look forward to the experience. Have a lovely long weekend! Best wishes, Katie, Sarah and the EY team