

Reception Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 4th May 2018

This week we have been carrying out investigations. The children had to make their 'prediction' on selected items whether they would *float* or *sink*, giving their reason why. We then carried out the experiment to find out if their predications were correct. It was lovely to hear the children using the correct language when carrying out the experiment such as 'heavy' and 'light'. Another investigation we carried out was mixing colours. The children were introduced to the primary colours (blue, red and yellow) and explored what colours they would make when mixing two together. They were challenged to find out what two colours they would have to mix together to make a certain colour. E.g, what two colours would make purple? We then painted and made flags to show colour mixing.

In numeracy we have been looking at capacity and using the language empty, nearly empty, half full, nearly full and full to describe the amount of water in a cup. Children then had to colour in beakers to match the label. We then compared containers of items using the terms 'more than' and 'less than'.

Each week we are seeing progression in phonics and in writing. We are focusing a lot on blending and letter formation. When children form letters correctly it helps the flow of writing especially when they are higher up in school and using cursive writing. As part of our homework this week we have sent home a letter formation sheet. Can you go through this with your child and encourage them to form the letters correctly. If you complete any other pieces of writing over the weekend and notice your child using the correct letter formation can you sent it into school to be a 'WOW' moment and shown off and celebrated. We do not want to make writing seem boring or children reluctant to try, it does not always have to be done on paper, in class we write in the sand, shaving foam, using paint etc.

During RE we look at the story of The Good Samaritan and acts of kindness. We had a lovely discussion about what it means to be kind and how we are all kind in Reception.

I think you will agree that we are all so proud of how well the children performed in our Family Assembly. All their hard work paid off. Thank you for your support at home and being a part of making it all come together.

Reminder it is a bank holiday on Monday therefore school is closed and will reopen Tuesday 8th May at our usual time.

Enjoy the long weekend.

Reception Staff