

## Reception Newsletter

8<sup>th</sup> October 2020

This week we listened to the story 'FunnyBones' and discussed what a skeleton is and what 'frighten' means. The children are growing in confidence when answering questions and drawing story maps to retell the story. We introduced story making and asked the children to create their own stories using the same characters from 'FunnyBones'. The children drew their stories and used full sentences to tell their stories to their teachers and friends.

In Phonics, we learned the sounds 'mmmm' and 'a'. We are focusing on the correct pronunciation of each sound, letter formation and oral blending before introducing each new sound.

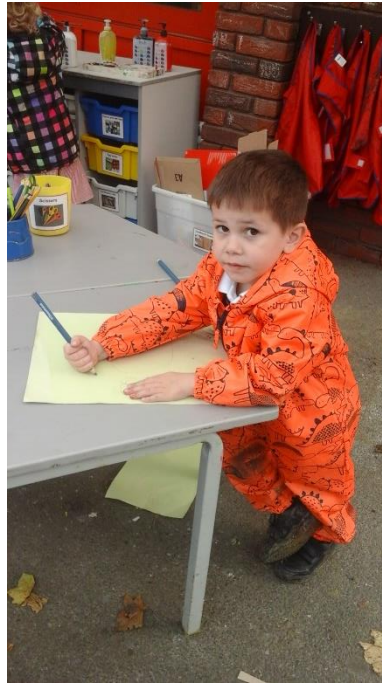
In Maths, we have been learning about patterns. We also explored the notion of a repeated pattern using objects, actions and musical instruments. The children loved playing a sequencing game on the interactive board to complete a given pattern.

In Understanding the World, we have been learning about our bodies and bones. The children dug the sand to find bones and explored assembling their own skeletons.

In Forest school, the children have explored our outside area using their different senses. We have been listening to the sounds, feeling different textures and noticing the seasonal changes.

The children have been practising how to put on and take off their waterproofs independently and are having a go at hanging them on their named hanger. At home, please continue practising dressing up and putting their clothes on a hanger.





## NOTICES:

**Thank you so far for your incredible support in helping us to get Tapestry up and running so quickly. We have been so pleased to receive your contributions, and we hope you have enjoyed the opportunity to view pictures and observations of your child's learning at school. Tapestry is a secure site and your contributions can only be viewed by our EYFS team. We would like to politely request that your child is fully clothed in any pictures or videos you post on Tapestry to help ensure the safeguarding of all our children. We would like to thank you for your cooperation in this matter.**

**Help needed! We would love to receive some resources to help enhance our outdoor provision. Please contact your class reps if you can help.**

**Appropriate Clothing** – As it is getting colder, please make sure that your child wears their winter uniform and that they bring a coat to school every day. The children use the outdoor area for a long period of time every day in all weather conditions.

**Teddy Bears' Picnic** – Next Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October we will have our Teddy Bears picnic. The children will prepare sandwiches and cupcakes. Fruit, vegetables and drinks will also be available. Please contact your class rep if you can help with the ingredients needed. Your child can bring their own Teddy Bear (labelled).

**Reading folder** – Children should bring their reading folder to school every day. Books of interest are changed every Thursday.

**Packed Lunches** – Please be aware that we are a nut and sesame free school due to allergies. Please do not send any products containing sesame or nuts in your child's packed lunch.

**Illness** – If your child has any of the three Covid-19 symptoms (persistent cough, high temperature or loss of smell or taste) they need to self-isolate for 10 days or return to school with a negative test result (send a copy of the result to the office).

We thank you, as always, for your continuing support.  
Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

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