

Reception Newsletter

3rd December 2020

This week we listened to the story 'The Train Ride'. Most children are very confident answering questions about the story and drawing a story map to retell it. When drawing their story maps most children attempted to use their phonics knowledge to write words such as 'train', 'sheep' and 'cow'.

We introduced the vocabulary underground and passenger and discussed what they mean. Throughout the week, we encouraged the children to use these words during their play.

In Phonics, we learnt the sounds 'f' and 'e' and the tricky word 'no'. As your child learns more sounds and words it is important to read at home every day with your child and write a comment in their reading diaries every time you listen to them. If your child finds it tricky to blend, please play oral blending games at home (watch the oral blending video on Tapestry). In maths, we have been learning all about the number five. We explored different ways to represent the number five using cubes, objects, numicon and numerals. We also used a number frame to investigate one more and one less than five.

During our circle time, we have been talking about Advent and the children have been opening our class advent. Every day the children are encouraged to do an act of kindness from our advent calendar.

The children have been engaging in independent writing and reading during continuous provision.

In Forest School, we introduced the children to fire lighting skills. When they noticed that rubbing two sticks together did not work, the children were introduced to flint and steel to make a spark.

This week's Makaton sign is:



This week's key vocabulary is:

- Underground
- Passenger

Doodle Maths Star of the Week:

Holly Class: Chloe

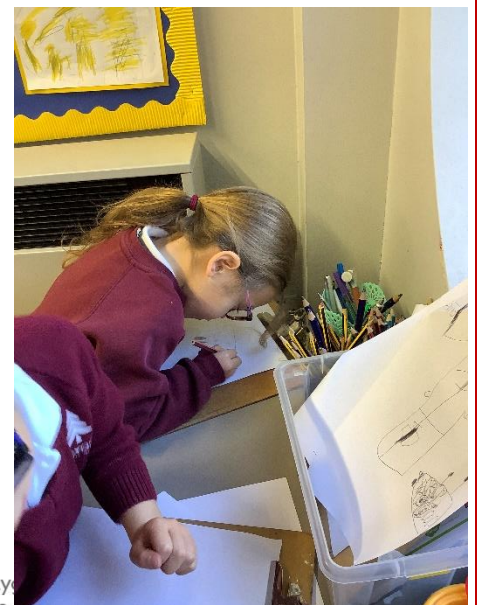
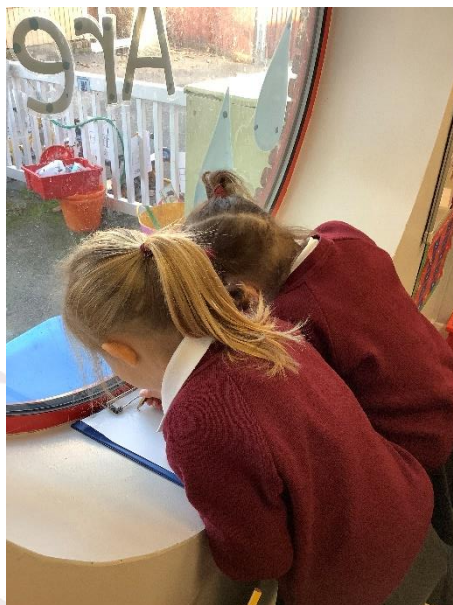
Willow Class: Maria



Home learning:

- Please watch the video on Tapestry explaining the home learning focus for this week.
- Practice reading and writing at home.

We do expect all children to complete their home learning every week.





NOTICES:

Pick up Time – As more children are bringing their scooters/bikes we will dismiss them in a separate line. Please do not call your child and wait for a member of staff to dismiss them.

Scooters/bikes – We kindly ask you that your child wears a helmet when riding their scooter/bike to school.

Christmas – During the next few weeks we are talking about Christmas and how we celebrate it. If you celebrate Christmas please send us a photo of your Christmas decorations and how you celebrate Christmas.

Doodle Maths - Please encourage your child to sign up to doodle maths where they can practice their maths skills independently. We will be giving out weekly certificates for children who win the most stars in their class.

Christmas Jumpers – We kindly ask you that your child wears their christmas jumper on their music day next week.

Holly Class	Willow Class
Tuesday	Wednesday

P.E. – On your child's P.E day they should wear a grey tracksuit (trousers and jumper) and trainers. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is named.

Holly Class	Willow Class
Thursday	Friday

School Uniform and Shoes – We do understand that your child may wear wellies when walking to school if it is raining however we do expect your child to change to their school shoes when entering their classroom. Please ensure that your child is wearing their full school uniform every day.

Reading folder – Children should bring their reading folder to school every day. Books of interest are changed every Thursday and we read with the children throughout the week.

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.

Willow Class – Miss Dias
Holly Class – Miss Spalton-Woods

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