

## Reception Newsletter

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021

We had a great start to the Summer Term. The children are engaged in their learning and making lots of progress.

This week we listened to the story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We discussed Goldilocks' behaviour and why we shouldn't go to someone's house without their permission. We looked at different types of houses and the children enjoyed building houses for the bears using a variety of materials and resources.

In Circle Time, we talked about different feelings and how to recognise them. We also discussed what we could do to feel better. Then we introduced our 'Zones of Regulation' and the children were encouraged to move their name cards to show how they are feeling throughout the day.

In Maths, we listened to the story 'One is a Snail, Ten is a Crab' and we looked at different ways to represent numbers beyond ten. Then the children drew their own pictures to represent numbers.

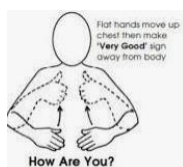
In Phonics, we have reviewed all sounds learned and practised reading and writing with those sounds. We also learned the sound 'or' and the tricky word 'said'. Please continue to support your child learning all the tricky words and sounds already taught.

During our continuous provision, the children explored oat playdough and made their own porridge to feed the bears and Goldilocks. They enjoyed exploring our new castle role play area and creating their own narratives. The children also spent a long period of time writing stories independently.

In Mini-Woodies, we have been exploring textures in the natural environment and using descriptive vocabulary to describe them.

### This week's Makaton sign is:

How are you?



### This week's key vocabulary is:

- Cottage
- Forest
- Porridge

**Doodle Maths Star of the Week:**

**Holly Class:** Harry  
**Willow Class:** Kai



**Home Learning**

- Daily reading – listen to your child reading both phonics book and ditty sheet
- Doodle Maths – complete tasks assigned
- Write an alternative ending to the story “Goldilocks and the three bears” – video on Tapestry







## NOTICES:

**Nursery donations** – We welcome donations of good condition toys, books, puzzles and dressing up clothes suitable for 2-4 years old.

**Instagram Account** – Claygate Primary School has a dedicated Instagram account for EYFS. Please follow us and see what our EYFS children are learning.  
[@claygate\\_primary\\_school\\_eyfs](#)

**Arrival time** - In the morning, Reception children start walking to their classrooms at 8:45am and their teachers are at the gate to welcome them in. After 8.50am, the team return to their classrooms as Reception begin their morning routines promptly. Missing this can have an emotional impact on your child as this is a valuable settling time where we go over the day ahead and recap on prior learning. We kindly ask that your child arrives promptly at the gate, so they are accompanied walking down to the classrooms and feel fully supported as they enter school and start their day's learning.

**Reading at home** – Please ensure that you listen to your child reading every day if you can but aim for at least three times a week and write a comment on your child's reading diary. We are still checking your child's reading diary every day. Please check the 'Read at home' document on Tapestry.

**Tapestry** – Please continue to log in to Tapestry daily. We use Tapestry to send important documents, reminders and home learning activities.

**Parent communication** – Please remember if you have any questions or concerns you should first contact your child's class teacher followed by the EYFS leader. We are happy to discuss any questions that may arise regarding your child's learning.

**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 and EYFS Leader – Miss Dias  
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