

Reception Newsletter

13th May 2021

This week we listened to the story 'The Gingerbread Man'. Most children were familiar with the story and able to retell it independently. They enjoyed designing their own gingerbread man using a variety of tools and materials.

In Maths, we have been exploring addition. The children listened to the story 'Mice Count' and used a 'First, Then, Now' board to recreate the snake adding mice in the jar. The children also had a go at creating their own adding stories by adding people on a bus.

In Phonics, we consolidated the sound 'ow' and learned the tricky word 'her'. The children are very confident writing phonetically in a variety of situations and their letter formation is improving.

In PE, the children have been playing games with tennis balls. They also practised throwing and catching a tennis ball in pairs.

In Circle Time, we spoke about EID-ul-fitr and how Muslims celebrate the end of Ramadan. The children wrote EID cards and enjoyed creating henna patterns.

This week's Makaton sign is:

Sad



This week's key vocabulary is:

- Oven
- Stove
- Couple

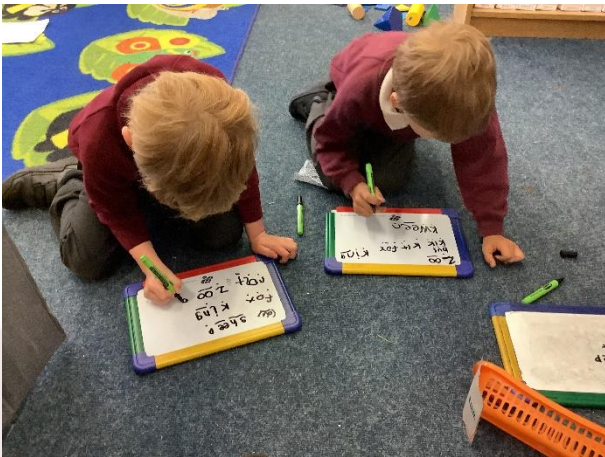
Doodle Maths Star of the Week:

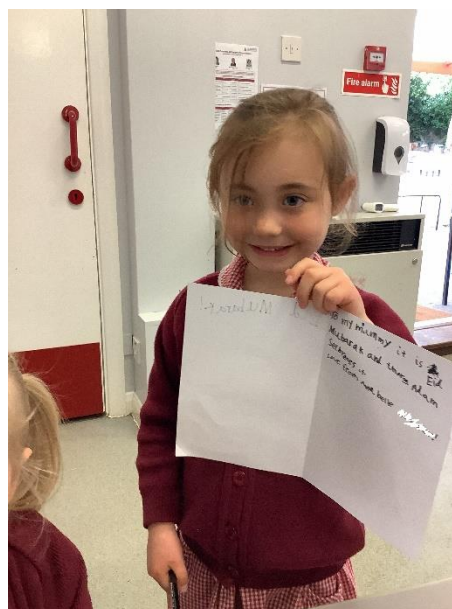
Holly Class: Cara
Willow Class: Maria



Home Learning

- Daily reading – listen to your child reading both phonics book and ditty sheet
- Doodle Maths – complete tasks assigned





NOTICES:

Before and after school – We have received a neighbour's complaint about children going on his property and throwing things/banging on his windows and general rudeness. Please ensure that your child is with you at all times and you can clearly see them.

Sun Cream – As the weather gets warmer please apply sun cream to your child before they come to school and send your child with a cap as they spend a lot of time learning outdoors.

Books - We have recently had an increasing number of phonics books and books of interest either lost or not returned to school. As a result our stock of books is now running low. We kindly ask that your child brings their school books with them inside their reading folder every day. We will not be able to give out a new book until the previous book has been returned. However, we will of course continue to read with your child at school as usual. If you do have any school books, or phonics books, to donate, please send them in with your child. Thank you for your support with this.

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.

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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