

Reception Newsletter

27th May 2021

This term the children have enjoyed learning about traditional and fairy tales and developing their imagination and creativity through stories. During continuous provision, they have enjoyed writing their own stories, drawing their favourite characters, dressing up and pretending to be princesses, knights and kings.

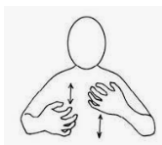
The children were interested in learning about castles as they listened to different stories about princesses and princes. We listened to medieval music and they learnt how to dance in pairs.

We talked about knights, jesters, vassals and maids and where they lived. We discussed the different food they used to eat and we looked at the differences and similarities with nowadays.

To end this amazing topic we invited the children to dress up and to participate in a variety of games throughout the day. We ended our medieval day with a banquet – a big thank you to all the parents for donating the food and allowing the children to experience a medieval banquet.

This week's Makaton sign is:

Excited



This week's key vocabulary is:

- Jesters
- Knight
- Vassal

Doodle Maths Star of the Week:

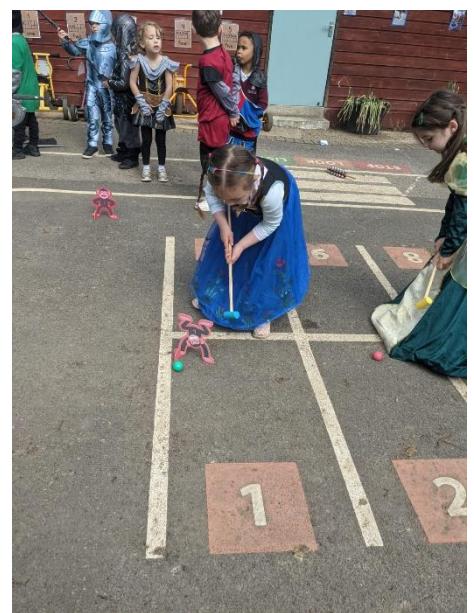
Holly Class: Cara
Willow Class: Kai



Home Learning

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







NOTICES:

Change to the end of the school day after half term – Reception at 3.05pm

Willow Class via their classroom door in the main playground

Holly Class via the gate in the white fence opposite the sheds in the EYFS playground

We kindly ask you to keep your children with you, please do not allow your children to use any equipment or resources in the EYFS playground; we have created signs and purchased some small fencing as a visual reminder. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

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.

Have a lovely half-term!

Willow Class and EYFS Leader – Miss Dias
Holly Class – Miss Spalton-Woods

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