

Reception Newsletter

17th June 2021

This week we listened to the story 'Barry the Fish with Fingers' and we discussed the different sea creatures that live in the ocean. The children drew story maps and wrote sentences to describe Barry.

In Maths, we have been learning about sharing. The children listened to the story 'As the doorbell rings' and they explored sharing fruit in small groups. We talked about sharing fairly and what we could do if there was a piece of fruit left to be shared.

In Phonics, we learned the sound 'ure' and revisited all tricky words learnt. The children wrote sentences phonetically using all sounds taught and we practised writing all the tricky words. Please support your child to practise writing the tricky words independently. Being able to write these words independently will support their learning in Year 1.

In PE, the children continued to play team games. We sang the song 'The Old Duck of York' and represented the actions as we practised athletics.

As part of our transition to Year 1, the children started to play in the main playground at lunchtime for a short period of time. We also made passports to travel to Year 1 and the children started to discuss their feelings about it.

In outdoor learning, the children practised their fine motor skills by weaving.

During our continuous provision, the children continued to engage in seaside activities and loved splashing in the water.

This week's Makaton sign is:

Book



This week's key vocabulary is:

- Ocean

Doodle Maths Star of the Week:

Holly Class: Harry
Willow Class: Ellis



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:

Pick up – 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 hat/cap (labelled) as they spend a lot of time learning outdoors.

Water bottles – Please ensure that your child has a water bottle every day in school.

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](https://www.instagram.com/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 in 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.

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