

## **Reception Newsletter**

8th July 2021

The children loved being back at school and had a fantastic week.

We started the week by supporting their transition into Year 1 and the children loved meeting their new teachers. They spent one morning and one afternoon in their new classes building up connections with their friends and teachers.

We also hosted our Reception Sports Day and it was great fun! The children really enjoyed all the activities such as long jump, running races, javelin, football penalties, quoit throwing and relay races.

In English, we listened to the story 'Smiley Shark' and discussed the shark's personality. They also enjoyed thinking and writing a new ending for the story.

In Maths, we have been learning consolidating skills and enjoying taking part in shape problems. The children particularly enjoyed building long bridges out of different materials and finding out which one was the longest and the strongest.

In Phonics, we continued to consolidate phase 2 and 3 and all tricky words learnt. The children had lots of writing opportunities to use their phonics knowledge independently.

In outdoor learning, the children enjoyed practicing their sewing skills. They had to choose different leaves, hole punch it and sew. This activity supported their fine motor skills.

**Doodle Maths Star of the Week:** 

Holly Class: Huxley

Willow Class: Maria



## This week's key vocabulary is:

- Ocean
- Shark



































## **NOTICES:**

**Reading Books** – As we approach the end of the year we will be collecting your child's phonics books next week when we listen them reading. Their book of interest will be collected next Thursday. Please make sure that your child's books are inside their reading folder.

**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 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.

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

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