

Reception Newsletter

16th September 2021

This week we have been focusing on learning about ourselves and creating self-portraits using a variety of resources.

In English, the children listened to the story 'Amazing Grace' and we discussed what makes us special and unique.

In Phonics, we started learning phase 2 sounds. We learned the sounds 's', 'a', 'p' and 't' and the children also practised how to form these letters. We blended the sounds together to read 'sat', 'pat', 'at' and 'tap'. Please support your child learning how to say the pure sounds instead of over enunciated. Refer to the Little Wandle parents support videos <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

In Mathematics, we practised comparing two groups and used a full sentence to say which group had more. Then the children practised counting with 1:1 correspondence how many objects were in each group and using a full sentence, they explained which number was greater.

In Mini-Woodies, the children continued to learn about safety rules and how to change clothes for outdoor learning independently.

A big thank you to our class reps and parents for donating items for our sensory activities. We really appreciate your contributions and support.

This week's Makaton sign is:

Good morning



Exciting Words of the Week:

- Embarrassed
- Approve
- Confident
- Extend
- Disturbance

This week's Number focus:

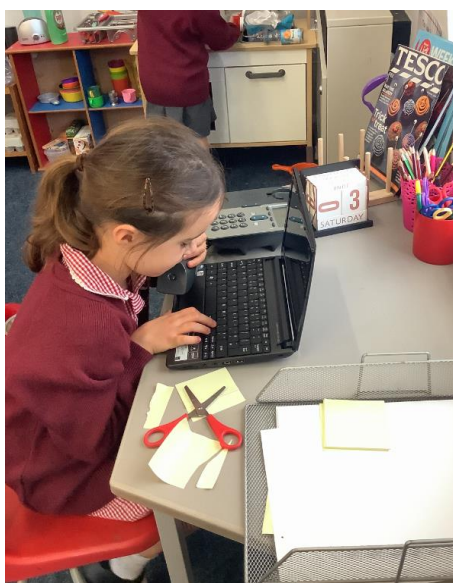
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CPS Published Authors of the Week:

Isabel
Celine

Home Learning:

- Practise writing your name – lower case
- Practise phonics flashcards and reading
- Doodle Maths – complete the assigned task





NOTICES:

School shoes - In Reception children will take their school shoes off and put their wellies on independently. Please make sure that BOTH shoes are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Junk modelling - We are looking for donations for our junk modelling station. Please refer to the following items and send them to school:

- Kitchen rolls
- Wrapping paper tubes
- Egg boxes
- Cereal boxes (without nuts or sesame)
- Plastic lids of any size
- Plastic bottles
- Small cardboard boxes

All About Me forms – Please complete your child's all about me form and send it back to school by the end of next week. Please can you write what your child says, we do not expect children to write their answers.

Waterproofs and wellies – Each child should have their own waterproof overalls (top and bottom) and wellies labelled to access play outside in all weather conditions.

Spare clothes – Each child should have their own set of spare clothes (top, bottom, underwear and socks) labelled in school. Please label all clothes and shoes.

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

Practice at home – In reception we promote autonomy and independence throughout the day, please practice at home how to open lunch bags, cut food, open yogurt pots and put on coats and bags.

P.E. – Will start after October half-term. Holly Class will be on Tuesday and Willow Class will be on Wednesday.

School Book Bag – In Reception children will be bringing home reading books therefore children need to have a book bag which is big enough to store the book and reading folder in. The most suitable bag is the school book bag as it is easy for the child to carry and to fit A4 books in. Please do not send your child with a rucksack.

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

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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