

Reception Newsletter

4th November 2021

This week we introduced our new topic 'Who helps us in the community?'. We focused our learning on firefighters and fire safety.

In English, we listened to the story 'No Dragons for Tea' and the children learned key vocabulary around fire safety. They drew pictures of firefighters and fire trucks and discussed how firefighters keep us safe.

In Phonics, we learned the phonemes 'ff', 'll', 'ss', 'j' and the tricky words 'put', 'pull', 'as' and 'full'. We blended and segmented the phonemes together to read and write different words such as 'puff', 'bell', 'mess' and 'jam'.

In Mathematics, we have been learning about circles and triangles. The children were introduced to mathematical vocabulary such as 'curved', 'straight', 'corners' and 'side' to describe shapes.

In Mini-Woodies, the children have been planting spring bulbs and learning about looking after the mini-woodies area by raking up the leaves.

This week's Makaton sign is:

Thank you



Exciting Words of the Week:

- Companion
- Coax
- Incessant
- Appeal
- Seize

This week's Number focus:

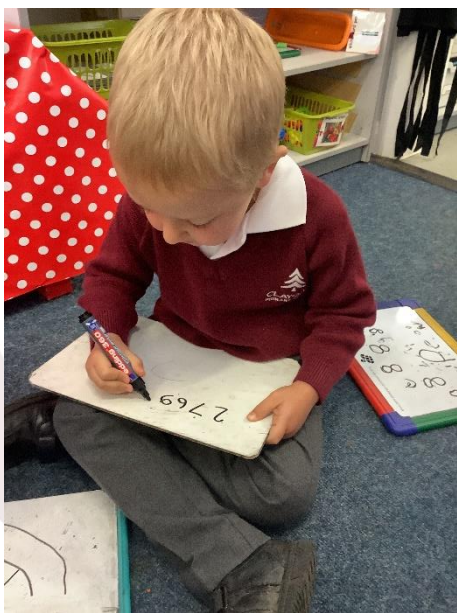
8

CPS Published Authors of the Week:

Marla
Lexie

Home Learning:

- Practise writing your name – lower case
- Practise phonics flashcards and reading daily – new phonemes/words given out on Fridays
- Doodle Maths – complete the assigned task





NOTICES:

Miss Dias and Miss Spalton-Woods are the responsible teachers for all reception children. Miss Gardner is teaching some of the lessons in Willow Class and Miss Dias is teaching phonics everyday as well as listening to children read and popping in throughout the day to ensure the high quality of teaching, learning and provision in Reception.

As a team we communicate daily about the day, the learning and the children. We also ensure that all messages/concerns are shared between teachers and support staff.

World Nursery Rhyme Week – Reception will join World Nursery Rhyme Week starting on 15th November and will learn a nursery rhyme a day. To support their learning we are hosting a pyjama day in Reception on 17th November. Children can come to Reception wearing their pyjamas. Please send them with school shoes and a warm winter coat.

November Parent Consultations – If your child has their birthday in November or May the class teacher will contact parents near the time to book a parent consultation slot. The meeting will be on 25th November.

Water bottles – Please ensure that your child has a water bottle every day in school. Please support us in teaching your child to understand when they need to drink water and to be independent with their self-care.

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 pot and put on coats and bags.

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.

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

luisa.martinsdias@claygate.surrey.sch.uk
daisy.spalton@claygate.surrey.sch.uk