

Reception Newsletter

25th November 2021

This week we focused our learning on post offices and shops. The children listened to the story 'The Jolly Postman' and wrote a letter to their parents. We also talked about shops in the community such as supermarkets, greengrocers, butchers, fishmongers and florists.

This week we also had a visit from the Esher Firefighters. The children really enjoyed sitting on the fire engine and pretending to put fire out.

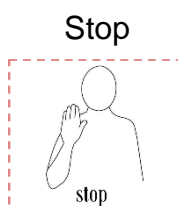
We also enjoyed our trip to Claygate Parade, posting our letters in the Post Office and buying some fruit at the local greengrocers.

In Phonics, we learned the phonemes 'sh', 'th', 'ng', 'nk' and the tricky words 'she', 'push', 'he' and 'of'. We blended and segmented the phonemes together to read and wrote different words such as 'shop', 'this', 'ring' and 'sink'.

In Mathematics, we have been learning about comparing quantities to 5. The children played games to compare quantities with their friends to find out who had more or less.

In Mini-Woodies, the children have been using natural materials to make magic wands. This activity helped developing their fine motor skills.

This week's Makaton sign is:



Exciting Words of the Week:

- Sprinkle
- Detail
- Rarely
- Bold
- Predict

This week's Number focus:

9

CPS Published Authors of the Week:

Daniel
Rosie

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:

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).

Christmas Performance – The Reception Christmas performance will be on 7th December at 9.30am. Please ensure that your child has their costume in school by Friday 3rd December.

Donations - We ask you kindly to donate any old spices you may have for children to play with in the mud kitchen. As the children are not using them to eat, the spices can be out of date.

December Parent Consultations – If your child has their birthday in December or June the class teacher will contact parents near the time to book a parent consultation slot. The meeting will be on 15th December.

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

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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