

Reception Newsletter

2nd December 2021

This week we focused our learning on farmers and how they help us. We listened to the story 'Farmer Duck' and we discussed that some farms are used to grow crops and others to raise animals to produce wool, dairy products or meat. We also learned how fruit and vegetables are cultivated.

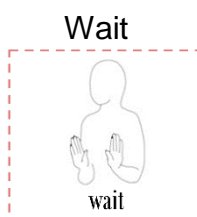
In Phonics, we learned words with 's' at the end (plurals and verb forms) and the tricky words 'we', 'me' and 'be'. We blended and segmented the phonemes together to read and write different words such as 'shells', 'sings' and 'ducks'. We have been practising writing sentences using our phonics knowledge.

In Mathematics, we have been learning about adding and subtracting. The children used number frames to add and subtract objects and to find out what is one more and one less than a number.

The children continued to practise the Christmas performance by singing and acting out.

In Mini-Woodies, the children continued to use autumn leaves to make their magic wands. They enjoyed finding their own leaves and designing their wands.

This week's Makaton sign is:



Exciting Words of the Week:

- Pronunciation
- Discuss
- Category
- Individual
- Receive

This week's Number focus:

11

CPS Published Authors of the Week:

Woody
Jack

Home Learning:

- Practise writing CVC words using phonics knowledge (please do not spell or let your child copy words)
- 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).

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 As the children are not using them to eat, the spices can be out of date.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 nearer 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](#)

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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