

Reception Newsletter

13th January 2022

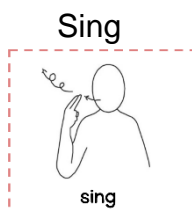
This week we have been focusing our learning on buses. We discussed travelling on a bus and how we could be kind to other passengers on the bus.

In English, we listened to the story 'The Hundred Decker Bus' and the children drew and labelled their own hundred decker bus. We received a postcard from Buddy the Bus and the children enjoyed writing a letter to him talking about their own experiences of travelling by bus.

In Phonics, we learn the phonemes 'oa', 'oo', 'ar' and 'or'. We also reviewed all phase 2 phonemes and learned the tricky words 'was', 'you' and 'they'. We continued to sound out and blend words to read such as 'coat', 'book', 'car' and 'fork'. The children wrote sentences using the new phonemes and tricky words learnt.

In Mathematics, we have been learning about comparing numbers to 5 using different resources. The children enjoyed listening to the story 'A squash and a squeeze' and comparing the size of the house with all the animals inside.

This week's Makaton sign is:



Exciting Words of the Week:

- Enthusiastic
- Gallop
- Concentrate
- Utensils
- Scrumptious

This week's Number focus:

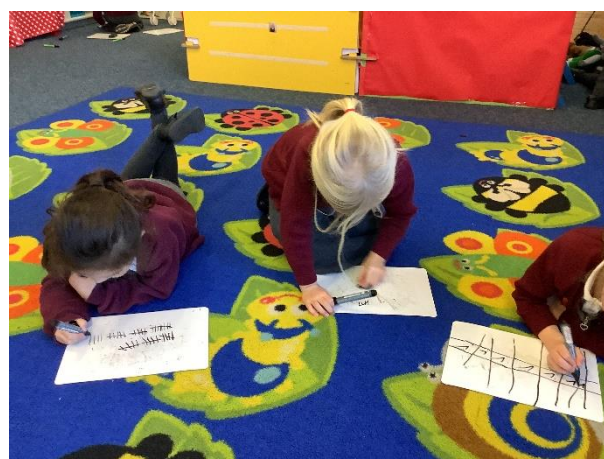
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CPS Published Authors of the Week:

Joshua
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:

Phonics books – In school your child takes part in individual and group reading sessions.

Every week we will listen to your child reading individually and when they have practised the book at home we will change it. If your child does not have their phonics book in school we won't be able to listen to your child or give them a new book.

Twice a week your child takes part in a group reading session. They will have a second phonics book for reading in a group.

Your child will receive a new book on session 1 and should have the same book to take part in the session 2. The book will then be changed after session 2.

Please ensure that both phonics books are always in their reading folders.

P.E – This term the children are learning about gymnastics. Our gymnastic sessions take place in the hall. The children take their trainers and socks off so we kindly ask that they wear velcro trainers.

January Parent Consultations – If your child has their birthday in November, January or July the class teacher will contact parents nearer the time to book a parent consultation slot. The meeting will be on 26th January.

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.

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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