

Reception Newsletter

20th January 2022

This week we have been focusing our learning on cars. We discussed travelling by car and road safety.

In English, we listened to the story 'If I built a car' and the children designed their own car, labelled it and wrote simple sentences about their cars.

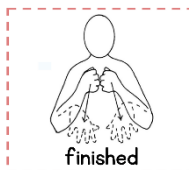
In Phonics, we learned the phonemes 'ur', 'ow', 'oi' and 'ear'. We also reviewed all phase 2 phonemes and learned the tricky words 'my', 'by' and 'all'. We continued to sound out and blend words to read such as 'surf', 'cow', 'soil' and 'near'. The children wrote sentences using the new phonemes and tricky words learnt.

The children are now taking part in group reading sessions to support their decoding and prosody skills. When listening to your child reading at home please encourage your child to read by sight and to read back the sentence read.

In Mathematics, we have been learning about the composition of 4 and 5. The children practised number bonds in practical activities such as playing bunny ears, playing with 2 colour counters and building with blocks.

This week's Makaton sign is:

Finished



Exciting Words of the Week:

- Social
- Balance
- Secure
- Celebrate
- Entertain

This week's Number focus:

16

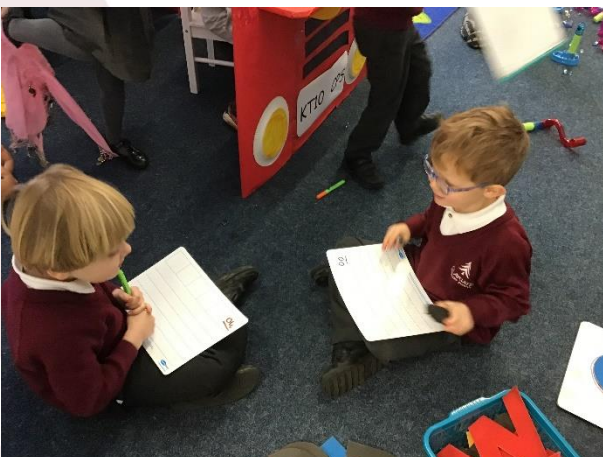
CPS Published Authors of the Week:

Marc
Maia

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 in session 1 and should have the same book to take part in session 2. The book will then be changed following 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 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 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)

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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