



Spring Grove Primary School

Reception Homework and News

Friday 7th January 2022

Dear Parents and carers

On behalf of the whole Reception team we would like to wish you a Happy New Year, we hope you had a restful break and enjoyed some time with your family over the festive season! I would like to say a huge thank you from the Reception team for your generosity at the end of last term, your cards and gifts were so kind and thoughtful. Thank you!

This has been a short week in school for the children but they have been getting on with our new topic 'Space' ! The children started by reading *Whatever Next* by Jill Murphy and we talked about Baby Bear's space adventure. Then they enjoyed role playing their own trip to the moon, just like Baby Bear and Owl, having a picnic with their friends. Next, we asked questions and discussed what we knew about space. Finally, we looked at a video clip of a rocket blasting off from Earth and thought what it might be like to travel millions of miles into space from where we were standing. We discussed about some of the things we could expect to see in space and tried to imagine just how huge our universe is.

Our maths meetings have been really exciting because it is now the year 2022! We talked about how 22 is one more than 21, which got us thinking about what is meant by the term 'one more' than a given number . The children are becoming experts at naming one more than a given number by counting on, this has been a concept that we have been practising since the start of this week. Then, we challenged the children to think about 'one less' than a given number, they soon realised that to do this, they would have to count backwards. We will continue to work on these skill over the coming weeks.

The children really enjoyed our gymnastics lesson on Friday. It was their first time in Reception that they have had the opportunity to experiment using some of the apparatus and wall bars that we will be using in PE. We talked about how important it is to listen when using the big equipment in the hall and how we need to be aware of those around us to stay safe. The children did a fantastic job of taking on the new challenge! We will be using the apparatus in our PE lessons every Friday, please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit to include **plimsolls or trainers**. School shoes are not appropriate as they pose a danger.

Ideas to support your child's learning at home-

- The children have been given a new guided reading book to take home and keep for the week. Please continue to practise reading as often as you can. We really love to hear how the children are getting on at home and if there is anything they are getting good at, or might need some support with, please feel free to make a comment in their reading record.

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- To build on what we have been learning at school in our maths meetings, you could play a game together to find one more or one less than a given number.
- I have posted a word time spelling and a reading video onto Google Classroom, which builds on what we have been covering in phonics. It is great for the children to watch if you have a few spare minutes over the weekend.

Finally, as mentioned in the newsletter at the end of last term I will now be meeting the children at the classroom door in the mornings rather than at the gate. This means we can get on with our learning much more quickly in the morning. Please feel free to catch me at the end of the day if you have any questions.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Lloyd, Miss Manlow and Mrs Kotecha 😊