



Spring Grove Primary School

Reception Homework and News

Friday 21st January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been continuing with our Space topic, thinking about the Sun and how important it is for life on Earth. We talked about what we knew about the Sun and then read a non-fiction book to learn even more! The teachers were very impressed with what the children could tell us and how they used what they learnt to write some facts on the whiteboard. In computing, the children chose the fact they found most interesting and they were able to share a document so they could all edit it at the same time to allow them to draw and type simultaneously- the work they have created is fabulous and is now proudly displayed on the classroom wall!

The children have accepted our challenge to be able to use capital letters while typing on a computer, as the keyboards only show the lowercase letters they are used to. We will continue to develop our understanding so we can use capital and lower case letters while typing on a key board over the coming weeks.

After talking about the Sun, we started learning about day and night and why we have daylight and darkness. We used the paper-mache Sun and Earth from last week to explain how the Earth spins on its axis every 24 hours creating night and day. The children talked about the animals they knew which are awake at night and we explained that this is called being nocturnal. They then sorted a variety of different animals thinking about whether they are nocturnal or not. Finally, we observed how the Moon looks at different times of the month, and used chalk on black paper to draw the different phases of the moon, thinking about the shapes we had seen.

We have also been learning about space exploration and thinking about what it would be like to actually walk on the surface of the moon! We learnt about an astronaut's role and how they prepare for their missions by studying all about the famous astronaut Neil Armstrong- we even managed to watch a video of the moon landing! We observed closely how he moved while walking on the moon and realised that this is because there is less gravity on its surface. We finished by planning for our own space trip, writing lists of things we felt would be needed if we left our own planet.

Ideas to support your child's learning at home this week:

- Discuss what information your child can recall about our Space learning so far.
- Next week in maths we will be learning to find doubles to 5 (eg 1+1, 2+2,3+3...etc) and encouraging your child to use this number knowledge while calculating. Does your child know any doubles already?
- Stuck inside the cover of your child's reading record is their Oxford Owl login. This login can be used to read an eBook version of the book we have read in school this week. Rereading this text is a great way to consolidate the phonics and comprehension skills we have been leaning in school. Please let me know if you have any problems logging in or accessing your child's assigned book.

Finally, we are running low on junk modelling for the children to get creative with, any recycling you could bring in would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance.

Enjoy your weekend!

Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Kotecha and Miss Manlow ☺

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