



Spring Grove Primary School

Reception Homework and News

Friday 11th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

After noticing how much the children have been enjoying inside and outside construction, as well as role playing with tools, we decided that our next topic will be called builders and building! This week we introduced the topic by talking about builders and some of the jobs they do. We encouraged the children to use specific vocabulary we are learning whilst playing with the tools and role playing and we have really enjoyed seeing what the children have created so far. We also decided to change the house role play into a builder's yard so the children could plan what they wanted to create as well as role playing buying building materials.

At the start of the week, the children spoke about builders they knew- Bob the Builder was one they could all name! He phoned the children and asked for their help as he needed to build a house that was 1 meter high and was hoping reception could be of assistance. We talked about how we could measure the height and the children were introduced to a meter stick to make sure the houses were not too short or too tall. They had a great time making sure they built to the right height and Bob was very pleased!

Later in the week, we challenged the children to use the large waffle bricks to build items such as chairs and tables. They did a really good job working in pairs or small groups and came up with a variety of different designs. We took lots of photographs of what we had made and the children explained the steps to take if they wanted to make it again. As the children did such a great job of talking through the building steps, we asked them to write down instructions to go with the picture of what they made. Whilst writing the children used the phonics sounds and 'red words' they knew to write clear instructions which they shared with each other.

As Valentine's Day will be celebrated during half term, we have made cards to give to the people we love and care about. We discussed the important people in our lives and why we care about them, we hope you enjoy receiving them!

Ideas to support your child over the half term holiday:

- Please log into Oxford Owl to read your child's most recent Read, Write Inc book. As they have read the book in school they should be able to read aloud more confidently. Please also encourage your child to complete the assigned quiz to help develop their comprehension skills.
- Entries for the Fourth Plinth Competition are now open. Your child can draw, paint, build or sculpt their idea for the competition and the winning entry will be displayed at an exhibition in late spring. More details about the project as well as how to enter can be found on Google Classroom. Please 'turn in' your entries via the Google Classroom assignment. We look forward to seeing what you come up with!

Have a wonderful half term break

Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Kotecha and Miss Manlow ☺

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