



Spring Grove Primary School

Reception Homework and News

Friday 25th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have settled back into their school routine after having a week off and have been very excited to talk about and share what they had been doing over the half term break. The children have taken turns to talk about their time off and explain to their friends what they had been doing, they have been working hard on listening to one another and have been practising asking questions to find out more information. After the children had talked about their experiences, they were taken to the ICT suite so they could write and draw about them. The children did a fantastic job using all their computing skills to create some wonderful work, using the mouse and keyboard confidently to type and draw. After the lesson, the children shared a printed copy of their work during fruit and milk time and were rightfully proud of what they had done!

This week, we have read the story of the Three Little Pigs and have encouraged the children to think about which materials are great for building with considering what they had learnt in this particular traditional tale. Inspired by the story the children split into three teams: one team built a stick house using lolly pop sticks; another team built a straw house using paper straws and the last team built a brick house using unifix cubes. We then discussed which material made a strong structure and the children used what they knew from the story to help them predict which house would be the strongest. Finally, we put the children's houses to the test to see how each of them would withstand rain and wind! The children used water and a hairdryer to test the material they used to build their houses- there were no surprises with the results!

During the activity we were able to introduce some key scientific language (flexible, hard, soft and transparent) to help the children discuss and understand what had happened during the investigation. Finally, the children went on a hunt around the classroom and the outside area to see how many examples of each material they could find. After modelling how to use tally marks to record, we encouraged the children to have a go to use tally marks on their own record sheets. They did a brilliant job!

We have also started our new PE unit and we will be developing our dance skills over the course of this half term. This week the children enjoyed moving to the music and exploring different body movements using a hoop.

Please find below some ideas to support your child at home this week:

- Thank you to those who logged on to Oxford Owl to read the Read Write Inc ebook and complete the quiz, your child's new book has now been assigned for you to read together.
- Next week we will learn about the significance of Shrove Tuesday and we will take a break from our building topic to learn about Pancake Day! You might want to talk about the following questions with your child as we will be discussing them next week:
Do you enjoy making pancakes?
What kind of foods do you enjoy pancakes with?
- In Maths we have been continuing to explore the composition of numbers to 10. Please look at the PowerPoint presentation on Google Classroom and share with your child as it showcases some of the things we have been doing at school.

Enjoy your weekend!

Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Kotecha and Miss Manlow ☺

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