



Spring Grove Primary School

Reception Homework and News

Friday 15th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have enjoyed their last full week in Reception class! We have been continuing to explore odd and even numbers and looking at how Numicon can help us distinguish between the two. As the children looked closely at each piece they saw that the odd numbers couldn't be neatly grouped into twos as they had an (odd one out) extra piece attached. This meant that our children could quickly look at a number and see if it was odd or even. Once the children could identify odd and even numbers up to nine, we looked closely at the number zero and discussed whether it was an odd or even number. Some children even began to explore larger numbers and have been supported to look closely at the ones part of the number to identify whether it was an odd or even number.

The children have also been using the whole part model to add two values together using Cuisenaire rods. Some of our maths learning has even been linked to our Pirate topic! The children thought carefully about what happens to an amount of treasure if pirates keep stealing from it. In groups, we counted back from the total using a number track and we checked our equations by removing actual treasure from a chest then counting how many pieces of treasure were left. Some children had a go at recording their equations in their own ways and we modelled how to use the symbols – and =.

The children have loved all of the imaginative pirate play they have been engaging in over the last two weeks and have come up with some brilliant narratives to accompany their games. We challenged the children to record some of their pirate adventure ideas on a story board using sentences and pictures to explain each part of their story. They took their time with their writing and colouring, producing some amazing work. As this will be one of their last pieces of adult directed work in Reception, we were keen to show the children the difference in what they can do now compared to when they started in September. The children are rightfully proud of how they have progressed and loved to see the changes in their writing and drawing.

Ideas to support your child at home-

- In preparation for Year One, Mrs Hambrier would love to know more about the children before they join her class in September. Support your child to make a poster telling their new teacher all about themselves? You could even add some questions that you would like Mrs Hambrier to answer to find out a little about her. Your child could draw pictures, add some writing or include some photographs.

We have collected in all guided reading books to sort out ready for September. Please have a look at home for any schools books you may have as we need to ensure we have full sets for the start of the new school year. Thank you in advance for this.

We have absolutely loved teaching your children this year and are so proud of the progress they have made. We will really miss them, but know they will go onto do amazing things in Year One. Good luck Reception class!

Have a fantastic summer,
Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Kotecha and Miss Manlow ☺

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