



Spring Grove Primary School

Reception Homework and News

Friday 14th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week Spring Grove School have been celebrating Black History Month, and in Reception class we have been choosing our favourite stories that reflect this. We started the week by reading 'Jabari Tries' by Gaia Cornwall, a book about a little boy who shows perseverance whilst trying to invent a flying machine. The book linked nicely with our previous learning about emotions and the children did a great job of pinpointing how Jabari was feeling at different points in the book. Jabari's dad had some great advice in the story on how to deal with feeling frustrated when things aren't going your way, and the class have been trying to use this in school. The children became inventors just like Jabari and his sister, thinking about what they would like to design and create using things in the classroom. They showed great focus and came up with some fantastic ideas. We encouraged the children not to give up when things got tough and the children were very proud of what they made.

Later in the week, we read the book 'So Much' by Trish Cooke about a baby who is loved 'so much' by his family. The children enjoyed this story and hearing about all the characters that visit the house for the party. The children had their own parties in the home corner, and decorated our birthday box. Some children made and wrote invitations to the party and give them out to their friends to invite them to play. The book also got us thinking about our own families and all of the important people in them. We encouraged the children to draw members of their family and we helped them write a little about their pictures. We also talked about how the family in the story are from the Caribbean and looked at that on the map. Some of the teachers and children shared where their families are from and we talked about the similarities and differences between there and where we all live in the UK. The children enjoyed listening to some traditional Caribbean music and discussed what they liked and disliked about it. We loved dancing together and having fun, just like the family in the book!

Ideas to support your child at home-

- Ruth Cadbury, our MP for Brentford and Isleworth, has invited children across the borough to enter a competition to design a Christmas card. The winning card will be printed by Ruth Cadbury and sent to schools, charities and local businesses in the constituency. All card entries must be in colour and related to Christmas. I have uploaded a copy of the entry form to Google Classroom which can be printed and used if your child wishes to enter. Alternatively, I can provide a paper copy if required. The closing date for entries will be the 1st of November to give time to collate and send our schools winning entries.
- Please see our Google Classroom for this week's sound videos. We love to see what your child does at home, so please feel free to share a photograph of their work on the stream. If you would prefer, you can always email me a picture of their work.
- Please read as often as possible with your child to help them as they acquire new sounds and work on their blending skills. The children have been given a new book or blending sheet 2 to practise at home. Thank you to those who have written messages about their child's reading in the reading record, it is so helpful to know how they are getting on at home!

The children love using junk modelling to build and create! If you have any recycling you would willingly donate, please bring it into school for us. We are always on the lookout for kitchen roll tubes, small boxes, clean milk containers, lids and anything else you might have. Thank you in advance for this.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Kotecha and Miss Manlow ☺

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