



Spring Grove Primary School

Reception Homework and News

Friday 7th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another lovely week in Reception class! Since starting in Reception, we have been thinking about numbers to five, not only counting to five, but also beginning to look at number composition. This week, we have been using a five frame to explore numbers within five, and discussing how these numbers can be known as number bonds. We used two different coloured gems and encouraged the children to fill the frame with a combination of each, for example four red gems and one blue gem to represent a bond of five. We repeated five trying different representations and discussed what we had found. We found that there were many different ways of making five, including five and zero which took the children a long time to discover! This learning is ongoing and something we will regularly refer back to throughout the year.

The children have been working hard in phonics and are continuing to build on the sound knowledge they have. We have now covered enough sounds to begin guided reading which will give the children the chance to use the sounds we have taught as well as develop their blending skills. An appropriate book will be read with your child in school, either one to one or in a small group, and this book will then be given to your child to take home to read with you. Guided reading books will be changed every Friday, so please make sure your child has their bookbag, reading record and book in school every Friday. If your child is reading a blending book, this will come home on a sheet of A4 paper.

We have continued to use 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas to explore different feelings and emotions. We have discussed how we can help others when they are feeling sad or worried and what we would like people to do to help us when we are feeling these emotions. The children had some lovely ideas and we have seen some children use their ideas in the classroom! We also discussed when we feel loved and the people who make us feel this way. The children took the time to talk about the special people in their lives, making cards and pictures as well as writing letters to them. We then shared these lovely creations as a group. We also used different colours to think about sorting, something which The Colour Monster does in the story, the children started by sorting buttons and talking about the different ways it could be done before going on a colour hunt around the classroom and outside, recording the different coloured items they found.

Ideas to support your child at home:

- Can your child show you ways to make five using a five frame? You can print the one I have posted on our Google Classroom or draw your own. If you don't have gems like we used, you could use two different coloured coins, buttons or beads to look at the different ways to make five.
- Please look at 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 their work on the stream, or if you would prefer you can always email me a picture of their work.
- Your child has been given either a book or printed worksheet with some key words to practice sounding out and blend together. Please support your child to read to you regularly and after to write in their reading record to let us know how they got on. If you have any questions on this, please do not hesitate to ask.

We hope that you have a fantastic weekend!

Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Kotecha and Miss Manlow ☺

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