



Spring Grove Primary School

Reception Homework and News

Friday 18th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, the children have continued their learning that has been inspired by the book 'Pumpkin Soup'. The children began the week by talking about the story and what they liked most about it. We encouraged the children to sequence the story using pictures from the book and retell the story in their own words. One of the things that the children love about the book are the beautiful illustrations. We encouraged the children to use these to think about the emotions of the characters at different points in the story, and talk about why they might be feeling that way. The children were able to build on their previous learning from the book 'The Colour Monster' to describe the characters emotions and talk about the possible reasons for them. The children wrote simple words and captions to accompany each picture, describing the feelings of the character. It has been so lovely to see the progress in their writing as they are more confidently hearing and applying the sounds they have been learning. We reminded the children about the correct letter formation and began to talk about using 'finger spaces' between words where appropriate.

In maths, we have been looking at tens frames and talking about how they are similar and different to fives frames. We explained that now we are looking at numbers greater than 5, we needed more space on the frame! We looked at ways to make 6 using a ten frame, and we looked for groups of numbers that we know make 6, for example 3 and 3. The children are becoming more confident at applying their subitising skills to see amounts and then use what they know about number bonds to find a total. We will continue this number exploration throughout the year.

The children have also really enjoyed our continued learning about Yayoi Kusama and her art. This week, we have been learning about her 'Obliteration Room' an interactive work which was at the Tate Modern over the summer. Adults and children were invited to stick stickers on a previously white room, creating a wonderful, colourful and interesting space. The children were inspired by this and have created their own version in our outside area. They have been adding coloured stickers to a plain white display board and have really enjoyed taking ownership of it, choosing the colours to use and where to place each sticker.

In PSHE, the children have been continuing to celebrate difference between themselves and others. This week, we have been concentrating on family and talking about how we are all special. We also discussed how we can't group people just because they have some things in common, because everyone is unique!

Ideas to support your child at home-

- We will be putting on a Christmas production in school on Wednesday 7th December. More details to follow. Please see Google Classroom for our costume requests. We request that you send in your child's costume in a named bag by Monday 28th November ready for our dress rehearsal.
- Please find your child's sound to practise on Google Classroom. When writing the sounds, please make sure you are following the correct formation from the video. The children are doing really well with their writing in school and the support at home is very helpful. Thank you.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Kotecha and Miss Manlow ☺

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