



Spring Grove Primary School

Reception Homework and News

Friday 24th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have been happy to be back in school and have started off the new half term with excitement and enthusiasm. They eagerly shared their holiday news, telling their friends and teachers about their break. It was lovely to hear the variety of things children got up to, as well as to see the confidence they showed whilst talking to the class. This half term we will continue to give the class opportunities to develop their communication skills when talking in whole class situations and to ask and answer questions.

Our learning this week has been centred around the book, **Oliver's Vegetables** by **Vivian French** which some children were already familiar with. They enjoyed looking at photographs of the vegetables from the story and talking about what they enjoy eating at home and why. Some vegetables, such as Rhubarb, were totally new to the class and sparked lots of discussion about colours, taste and textures. The book also got us talking about healthy foods we enjoy eating and the benefits of a healthy, varied diet. Our discussion linked to our PSHE learning that is currently all about maintaining a healthy body and mind. The children quickly noticed that the events in the book happened over the course of with Oliver trying a different vegetable each day. We worked on sequencing the days of the week as well as recalling what he tried on each. Overall, the children were very confident with recalling the days of the week as we have been practising remembering them daily as part of our maths meeting and were proud to be able to apply our knowledge.

During our maths meetings, we have been continuing to learn about number bonds, using tens frames and solving problems with the number facts we know. We have been combining two amounts and have found that having a strong understanding of the composition of number made this much easier! Building on this, we will begin to introduce some mathematical symbols to support with our learning. We have also been consolidating our learning from before half term and comparing mass by balancing.

In PE, we have started our new unit, dance! The children enjoyed creating seaside themed dances and moving in time with the music. The children have been working on counting 8 beats at first out loud in then in their heads as well performing what they have done to each other.

Ideas to support your child at home-

- Please find a phonics sound or activity on Google Classroom that I've assigned to support your child with any gaps in their learning.
- This half term we are concentrating on developing the children's comprehension of the text, as understanding and enjoying the story is the best part of reading! Whilst reading to your child at home, or when they are reading to you, ask your child questions about the story or the characters.
- Please find the balancing game linked to our work on comparing mass on Google Classroom

If your child is reading a guided reading book, we request that you ensure their book is in their bookbag every Friday ready to be changed. We have limited copies of each set of books, which are shared throughout Early Years and Key Stage One. If your child does not return the old book, we are unable to provide a new one. Thank you for your support with this.

Have a restful weekend!

Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Kotecha and Miss Manlow ☺

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