



Spring Grove Primary School

Reception Homework and News

Friday 30th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have enjoyed starting their new topic- Pirates! We started the week by talking about pirates, discussing what we already know as well as sharing our questions with each other. We then spent time writing our questions, making sure to end each with a question mark. We encouraged the children to use a variety of question words such as 'how', 'why', 'what', and 'who' and supported them to structure their questions whilst speaking and writing. The children enjoyed exploring a range of books, both fiction and non-fiction, to find out about pirates and get a glimpse into what the 'pirate life' is like!

After reading about pirates and how they lived their life, the children started to compare their behaviour to ours and it was very interesting to see how different it is! The children looked at our class rules and saw that the pirates would probably break all of them! The children wrote their own 'Pirate Code of Conduct', stained them with tea and crumpled them up to make it look like they were from pirate times! The children did a great job of using their phonic knowledge to write about how to be a very naughty pirate, the exact opposite of a Reception child!

The children enjoyed learning about pirate ships and we talked about how they were used to sail around the world. We explained that things like pirate ships float and other things sink. The children investigated objects in the classroom that floated and sank and recorded what they found. We then challenged the children to make their own boats using what they found out about materials that float and sink. The children used a variety of objects and materials to build their own ships and enjoyed testing them out to see how long they could stay afloat for!

In Maths, we have been encouraging the children to 'show off' their number composition knowledge and have been using different totals to talk about the numbers within a number. We started with smaller amounts and split the groups to see the numbers which made up the total. This week, we have also been looking at odd and even numbers, so we encouraged the children to also tell us if the totals were even or odd. We challenged some children with larger amounts and explained how the last digit of a number tells us if it is odd or even. We have also been sharing and grouping different amounts, and talking about why some numbers share equally and others do not.

The class have been doing really well practising for Sports Day, and the children are getting used to running in lanes. We also practised the fun race and relay race and the children are getting excited about the showing you on Sports Day. Infant Sports Day will be held on the field on Thursday 6th July and will start at 9.30am. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Ideas to support your child at home-

- Please see Google Classroom for your child's latest phonics video to help your child with any gaps in their learning. Thank you in advance for this.
- Can you find objects at home that float and sink? Which materials are best for floating? Which materials tend to sink?

Have a fantastic weekend!

Mrs Lloyd and Miss Manlow ☺

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