

EYFS NEWSLETTER

Term 4

We have had a fantastic start to term 4 with a really exciting One Picture project focusing on Henri Matisse's 'Painter's family' as our inspiration. We have made some really special shared artworks as a year group as well as exploring colour, shape and pattern independently in different ways. We hope you enjoy our artworks at our One Picture exhibition this term!

We are now about to go on an adventure, learning about different places and cultures around the world. We will be learning about lots of different places and the people and animals who live there. We are really looking forward to the children sharing more about their own family backgrounds, cultures and languages as well as learning about some new parts of the world that interest the children.

Phonics

We are working really hard on developing our phonic skills at the moment, focusing heavily on our independent sentence reading. We are really concentrating on our tricky word recognition and our blending skills. We are hoping that the children are beginning to independently recognise their digraphs (two letter sounds) in words and blending them.

We will be sending home a home log in for Phonics Bug this term for you to use to support your child's phonic development at home. You will have access to games online and also a weekly online book linked directly to the sounds being focused on in your child's phonic group that week. Please speak to your class teacher if you have any issues logging in.



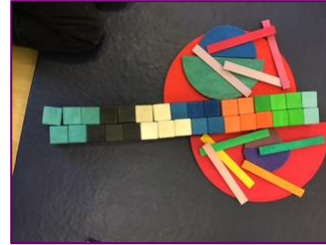
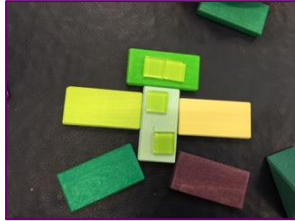
Writing/Reading

Our children are working really hard on their writing! We are now seeing lots of independent writing and the children are becoming keener to write. We are focusing on writing simple sentences using our finger spaces!

We are also focusing on reading sentences, remembering to read back each sentence for our understanding and also to add expression when we're reading. We are encouraging the children to make sure they track as they read using their fingers to support them further.

Block Play Workshop

We started the term with a fantastic Block play workshop!
We had a visit from Medway EY Ltd. With loads of new exciting blocks and we spent the morning letting our imaginations run wild!
We made ball runs, magical enchanted forests racetracks and some fantastic patterns and pictures!



Mathematics

We are finding lots of ways to make 10! We have been using our 10s frames and numicon to visually represent different ways we have found. We are starting to be able to recall some of the ways to make 5 and 10 by rote "e.g. 5 and 5 make 10".

We are also really working on our teen number recognition and independently ordering numbers.



Key dates coming up!

14th March - One Picture exhibition. YR children can be picked up from 2:40pm to attend the exhibition.

15th March - Red nose day. Children wear red. Any donations are appreciated.

19th March - Science Day with a 'time' theme

22nd Wear your own clothes for chocolate day. Chocolate or Easter goodie donations are welcomed for the Easter hamper and raffle.

25th World skipping day - we are raising money for a school in Gambia with our big sponsored skip!

28th Spring hat parade. Children can bring in and wear an Easter hat ready for our Easter parade.