

#### **EYFS MATHS WEEK**

This week the whole of the Early Years are celebrating all things maths!

This is an opportunity for children to immerse themselves in the vocabulary, skills and knowledge needed to become successful mathematicians.

## Supporting your child at home

The best way of supporting your child at home is to take every opportunity to spot numbers within the home and when you are out and about. Car journeys are a great way to spot certain numbers on registration plates, road signs and on the sides of lorries. House numbers are an everyday thing which can help children with their recognition. Talk to your child about time, distance, height and length when cooking, shopping, gardening or simply going for a walk. Have fun with numbers! If you show an interest in maths, so will your child.

## **Using Story Books in Maths**

Lots of children's books contain maths. Some children like to notice the page numbers of the books they are reading and using a non-fiction book helps them look for certain pages when using the index.

This week we will be using three books to help us with our maths learning.

The Great Pet Sale – a story that introduces money to children. They will be looking at different coins and having a go at using a variety of coins to make a given amount e.g

 $4p - 4 \times 1p$  coins or  $2 \times 2p$  coins £1  $- 2 \times 50p$  coins or  $10 \times 10p$  coins

One Hundred Hungry Ants – A story that introduces the 100 square. Whilst on their way to a picnic the ants organise themselves into different formations, ending with the 100 square.

Guess How Much I love You – This story introduces the language of distance and amount. The children will be encouraged to illustrate how much they love their family using the vocabulary they have learnt.

## Literacy

## Reading

Remember to read with your child every day and to your child every day. You don't have to spend a long time and maybe grandparents, aunts and uncles could listen to them at the weekend.

Please make sure that your child has their reading books with them **every day.** 

#### Writing

I hope you found the teach handwriting website useful. The children have started to use the writing frames in class and are practicing the correct formation of letters.

www.teachhandwriting.co.uk

## Can you help?

Please continue to bring in:

Recycling materials for children to turn into masterpieces.

Any unwanted rolls of wallpaper

Any other unused stationary such as envelopes, greeting cards etc.

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## Measuring

The children will be using a variety of measuring tools from simple tape measures (for measuring small items) to a trundle wheel (for measuring long distances such as the length of the playground). They will be seeing how far they can throw a bean bag and measuring the distance it travelled.

They will be using weighing scales, balancing scales and making comparisons, estimations and predictions.

## Numbers

The children will be completing number lines, finding missing numbers, ordering numbers and looking at a 100 square.

They will be finding out about the American artist Jasper Johns, who used numbers in his paintings, and then be encouraged to have a go at a number painting. The role play area will be a bank and the small house in the garden will become Pizza Hut. The children will have to write numbered instructions, menus and price lists. They will also be talking about halves and quarters.

# Parent's Evening

# Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Please try and be on time for your appointment to avoid disappointment. We have allocated 10 minutes per child and we cannot run over this time as the evening has to end at 6.30pm. Some parents are seeing other teachers in different year bands.

## Book Bag Key Rings

From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March, key rings are no longer permitted on book bags. They are taking up too much room in the children's trays. Some are getting broken and they are becoming a distraction. I thank you for your co-operation in this matter. Mrs Clark and the teaching team.