

★ Newsletter ★

19th November 2021

What a busy two weeks it has been. What did you think of the space art? The children were excellent representatives at Patchings showing their true take care attitudes and producing some lovely pieces of Space Art. In the afternoon an alien space ship landed on the lawn. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the scene and asking lots of inquisitive questions. To top off our busy two weeks, today was Pudsey Day. What a wonderful sea of yellow and we also raised lots of money for Children In Need.

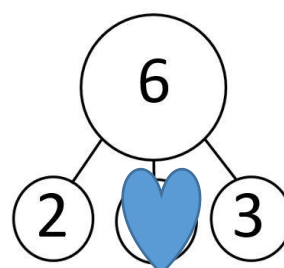
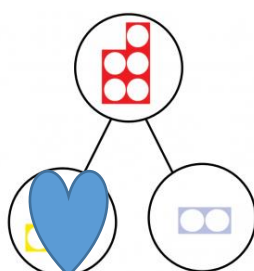
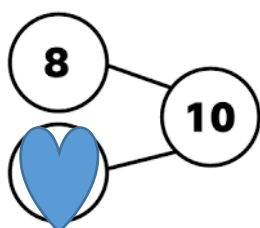


We are now busy learning songs and lines for our forthcoming nativity 'Don't be Afraid' You may have heard your child humming along to some of the tunes at home! It is our hope that we can perform on stage on December 7th and 8th to an audience but we do also have to consider an alternative if this is not going to be possible in light of the current situation. We will keep you posted – we really hope the situation goes in a more positive direction. Thank you to all of you who are following the guidelines and regularly testing your child. Any concerns, please do feel free contact us.

We have missed all the children who have since tested positive and can't wait to have a full class back soon!

Maths:

The children have been securing their knowledge on part whole models. We have used a range of ways. As a challenge we then split numbers into 3 parts to try and find the missing number. We will be doing more work on missing numbers as this concept can be quite tricky.



English:

This week in English we have been looking at character descriptions. We looked at extending our sentences with the word 'and' and for some children we challenged them to use the word 'because'. They did a fantastic job. For our non-chronological report we looked at the features including the title, sub-headings (questions), pictures and introduction. The children did a fab job at remembering the purpose of these features. Over the next few weeks we will be building up to writing our own non-chronological report about space.

Homework:

We hope your children are enjoying selecting different activities from the Beyond Expectations Grid. We have enjoyed reading the facts (you learn something new every day definitely applies here!) and looking at their pictures and models. Please see attached their Maths homework for this week – consolidating their understanding on place value. The booklet contains a range of activities to carry out over the two week period. It includes Reasoning and Problem Solving questions to extend their thinking and to challenge them to apply their knowledge in different contexts.

Reading:

We have sent home a pack today which includes questions to ask your children when reading with them. We are waiting for more sets of books to be able to send home but in the meantime we have tried to match them to an appropriate book band. They should be able to read these books 95% fluently. Please spend time choosing questions from the different areas of comprehension (bookmarks).

Spellings:

In your packs sent home today we have included weekly spelling lists for your child to practice. These are a range of Reception and Year 1 words that your child should be able to read and spell these confidently and consistently.

Additional Information/Term Dates:

- P.E. days will continue to be Thursday and Friday this half term and the children will need appropriate outdoor kit as the weather turns colder.
- If the situation allows, Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th December – Reception/KSI Nativity
- If the situation allows, Thursday 9th December – Pantomime
- Wednesday 15th December – Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day (to be confirmed)
- Thursday 16th December – Flu Vaccinations

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