

Oasis Academy Ryelands Reception Class Weekly

Newsletter

14/10/2024 to 17/10/2024

Dates:

**Autumn 2 term begins on Monday 28th
October 2024**

Wow! Can you believe a whole half term has gone by? We said it would go fast! It has been a fantastic half term and we are really impressed with how well the children have settled into Reception. We hope you all have a fun and safe week off. We will see you back at school on Monday 28th October.

Reminders-

- Books will be changed every Friday and we ask parents to write in children's reading records by the end of the week.
- Next half term we will be holding Parents Evening, please ensure you book your slot to see either Mrs Carew or Mrs Saftoiu. Please book via the My Child At School (MCAS) app, when the time comes.

Oasis 9 Habits Star of the Week

Compassionate, Self-Controlled, Joyful, Forgiving, Patient, Humble, Honest, Considerate and Hopeful.

- * This week the Stars of the Week are all our wonderful Reception children. On Thursday, we went on our first short trip outside the school and they impressed us with how sensible and well behaved they were. In the afternoon, they took the stage for the first time performing at the Grandparents' Tea, in front of over 100 guests. Well done Wrens and Robins, we are proud of you!

Our Learning Journey

This week's topic has been 'Feelings'. The children focused their learning on the story "The Colour Monster" by Anna Llenas. Together, we discussed how the monster was feeling throughout the story and learnt how to identify the feelings he had, by his colour.

As we relate the story to our own feelings, we introduced a daily feelings check-in. These are displayed on our classroom door. As the children enter the classroom each morning, we want them to take a second and think about which feeling they are experiencing. During the week, the children have been encouraged to identify their feelings and to explain why they were feeling that way. We discussed techniques in how we can return to the calm 'green' and happy 'yellow', when we are feeling other feelings, such as 'blue' sad. As a class, we decided happy and calm were the best feelings for focusing and learning at school.

In Write Away, the children created their own feelings booklet, each day completing activities related to the different colour monsters.

In Maths this week, the children continued exploring the numbers 1, 2 and 3, through various interactive games and practical activities.



Phonics

The Phonics Fairy Fun continued this week in Robin and Wren class!

We continue to teach phonics daily. At Ryelands, we follow the BookWings Phonics scheme, where phonics is embedded through real books and the new sounds are introduced through story telling.

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This week the Phonics Fairy introduced the children to the sounds: **o, c** and **k**.
As well as a new High Flying Word: **'the'**.

The Daily Phonics Practice videos have been uploaded to Seesaw. We hope you have had a chance to login using your personal QR code and have enjoyed these videos, as well as the pictures and observations of your child.

Home learning

The children in Reception have now learnt set 1 – 3 in phonics.

- **Set 1:** s, a, t, p
- **Set 2:** i, n, m, d
- **Set 3:** g, o, c, k

What an achievement!

They have been given the foundations to begin reading some simple CVC and CVCC words.

Over the holidays practice blending skills. Oral blending (saying the 3 or 4 sounds in a word) is a great starting point if the children are struggling to identify and read the sounds.

Here are some word suggestions you could try- based on the letter sounds we have learnt so far.

sit nap tip cat tap cot pan

If you or your child are struggling to model this- Alphablocks Word Reading on BBC iPlayer is a great tool to support early blending.