



RECEPTION - Autumn 1

Classroom

News



Avondale
Primary School



Week 4 - 25th September 2023

OUR NEXT STEPS IN LEARNING -

Next steps in Language - This week during our Time to Talk sessions we will continue to share our All About Me sheets and family photographs. We will introduce pupils to our "Good Listening and Talking Rules" and will play games to help reinforce our understanding of the word - different. Our 'Nursery Rhyme Of The Week' is "Pat-a-Cake"

How you can support at home -

- Sing lots of nursery rhymes at home. Research has found that when a child knows eight or more nursery rhymes by heart, at the age of 4, that they are usually one of the best at reading and spelling in their class by the age of 8!

Next steps in Phonics - we will be learning the next sounds in Phase 2- p, i, n. Using our 3-part teaching sequence - Hear it say it, See it say it, Say it write it, we will learn the sound (phoneme) and how to write each letter (grapheme). We will blend these sounds to make and read simple words such as - it, pit, is, sit, tip. We will continue to practice orally blending and segmenting sounds in words.

How you can support at home -

- Encourage your child to recognise and read the following sounds - s, a, t, p, i, n
- Practise blending sounds to read the words - it, pit, is, sit, tip.
- Can your child spot any of these sounds and letters in their environment or a story book?

Next steps in Literacy - Our key text in Literacy this week is We're Going on a Treasure Hunt. During Literacy we will learn about story maps and how these can support us when retelling a story. We will create our own story maps and use these in continuous provision to retell our key text. We will be learning about the front cover of a book - title, author, illustrator.

How you can support at home -

- Share a bedtime story and develop their love for reading

Next steps in Maths - we will continue to explore the Numicon pieces - reinforcing the colour and action for each piece. We will be sorting the pieces and also ordering them from smallest to largest. We will continue to focus on our daily calendar, learning the days of the week and talking about which day comes before or after a certain day. We will be counting to find the date and the matching Numicon piece.

How you can support at home -

- Practise counting objects around your house.
- Look for and talk about numerals in the environment.
- Sing lots of number rhymes.

As part of our Pirate theme, we will learn about magnets. In our investigation area pupils will be encouraged to sort and classify materials according to magnetic / not magnetic. During circle time we will continue our Jigsaw Unit - Being Me in the World, and we will continue to share our All about Me Posters. We will continue to reflect on being a member of Reception. We will talk about how we are all different and how it is important that we all work together to look after each other.

Reception Weekend Bear

Within Reception we have two Reception bears. It is their job to keep a careful eye out for the children. Every Thursday they will choose two children to go home with for reasons such as: following the Avondale values, following our SHINE rules, working hard or perhaps accomplishing a personal goal.

Each bear, their belongings and a diary will be sent home, so that over the weekend you can write and include photographs about the adventures that they had with your family. Our class bears do not expect to be taken to see the Great Wall of China nor a five star stay, a family dinner and a story at bedtime is what they love the most. On Monday morning each bear and their belongings are to be returned to school. During circle time your child will be able to share with the other children, all the fun things that they did over the weekend. We hope your children will enjoy looking after Weekend Bear.



What is Numicon?

Numicon is a resource we use in school to support teaching maths that helps your child to see connections between numbers. It supports your child as they learn early maths skills in Reception and KS 1. Numicon is a multi-sensory way of learning, and children learn by seeing and feeling. The holes in the Numicon shapes represent the numbers 1 to 10. When arranged in order, as in the picture below, children can easily see connections between numbers, such as "one more" or "one less". Numicon also supports pupils in understanding the composition of numbers.



Over the coming year this is a key resource used within our number sessions.

Click on this click to find out more about Numicon

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/maths/numicon-guide-for-parents/>

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 5th October - Harvest Celebrations

Friday 6th October - Reception Pirate Day

Thursday 12th October - New Reception 2024 Open evening 6pm

Tuesday 17th October - New Reception 2024 Open Afternoon 1:30pm

Wednesday 18th October Parents' Evening 3:30-7:30pm

Fri 20th October - School closes for half term

Tuesday 31st October - School re-opens for Autumn 2

Tuesday 31st October - High school applications must be submitted

W/c 27th November - Assessment Week

Friday 1st December - Christmas Craft Day

18th December - Autumn Report Cards to go home

Friday 22nd December - School closes for Christmas at 1:30pm

Reception Morning Routine

Just a reminder that the school day starts at **8.45am**. To support pupils in their morning routines we do open the Reception doors early, and pupils are welcomed into the Reception unit from **8.35am**. As we move into Autumn, with its wet and windy mornings, please be mindful of this. It may be necessary to plan your arrival at school from **8.35am** onwards.

GOOD MORNING



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A
Good
day