



RECEPTION - Autumn 1

Classroom

News



Avondale
Primary School



Week Commencing - 30th September 2024

OUR NEXT STEPS IN LEARNING

Next steps in Language – This week during our Time to Talk sessions we will continue to reinforce our “Good Listening and Talking Rules” and we will be playing games to secure our understanding of the narrative question – Who? Our ‘Nursery Rhyme Of The Week’ is “One Potato, Two Potato, Three Potato, Four..”

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!
- Click on the link to sing the rhyme - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=efMHLkyb7ho>

Next steps in Phonics – we will be learning the next sounds in Phase 2- n, m d. 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 – sad, man, pan, tin. We will continue to practice orally blending and segmenting sounds in words.

How you can support at home –

- Attend our phonic workshop for parents on Wednesday 2nd October at 3:30pm.
- Encourage your child to recognise and read the following sounds – s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d.
- Practise blending sounds to read the words – sad, man, pan, tin.
- Can your child spot any of these sounds and letters in their environment or a story book?

Next steps in Literacy – This week, our key text in Literacy is We’re Going on a Treasure Hunt. The pupils will be encouraged to create their own story map to help them retell the story in order.

How you can support at home –

- Share a bedtime story and develop their love for reading – talk about the title, illustration and blurb.

Next steps in Maths – FOCUS: Composition of Number

This week, the children will explore how numbers can be composed of 1s and, from this, begin to investigate the composition of 3 and 4. Composing and de-composing numbers involves children investigating part-whole relations, e.g. seeing that 3 can be composed of 1 and 2. The children will learn from practical experience that a ‘whole’ is made up of smaller parts and is, therefore, bigger than its parts.

How you can support at home –

- Practise counting objects around your house.
- Look for and talk about numerals in the environment.

Next steps in Learning –

As part of our Pirate theme, we will learn about pirate treasure. We will be making our own pirate coins using salt dough, learning how to create an indent in the dough using different objects and then painting the coins. We will learn about collages and then use this technique to create some parrots. As part of our Jigsaw Unit – Being Me in the World – we will continue to explore our feelings and we will also learn about the festival – Harvest.

Stay connected to the Classroom with i-Track

Help us to celebrate your child's achievements...

Dear Parent /Carer,

At Avondale we believe an effective partnership between home and school is an essential aspect of the Early Years Foundation Stage, and we want to enable you to be as involved as much as possible in your child's education.

Within Reception we use an online app called i-Track to support home-school communications. Parents/carers can set up i-Track on their personal devices and access posts. Participation is optional, but we really recommend getting involved. There are many benefits to using i-Track.

1. Teachers can upload posts about learning and achievements in school that can be shared with parents / carers.

- These photos may be individual, group or unit-based depending on the activity.
- When there are new i-Track posts parents/carers will be sent a notification.
- Please note i-track is not for sending messages directly to the teacher. Any messages must be sent via the main office.

2. Parent/carers will be able to upload posts about achievements their child has completed outside of school that you would like to share with the teachers. When parents/carers send a new i-Track post, school will be notified.

- We would love hear from you about the "WOW" things your child enjoys or achieves at home with you. It helps us to create a 'well-rounded' picture of who your child really is.
- These 'Wow Moments' can tell us about anything of interest that you'd like to share with us. For example, your child retelling their favourite bedtime story, singing their favourite song, building an amazing model, learning to ride their bike, first swimming certificate and many more besides!
- Please do not feel that you have to upload WOW moments all the time, we will be very happy to receive one or two for your child on a half termly. Any Wow moment will be shared within class during our Time to Talk session on Monday afternoon.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?

- Shortly you will receive an email from support@itrack.co.uk asking you to confirm that you would like to participate.
- Please make sure you check your spam/junk box as sometimes emails can get lost in there. If you are still unable to locate the email, then please contact the office.
- Please keep all codes and passwords secure.

When signing up to i-Track we ask Parents/Carers to agree to the following guidelines.

Please click on the link for -

[AGREED GUIDELINES FOR ACCESSING AND USING I-TRACK ONLINE LEARNING JOURNEY](#)

Reception Curriculum Workshops for Parents

Over the next few weeks, we have planned a series of curriculum workshops to help develop your understanding of what your child will be learning in their first year at school.

EYFS WORKSHOP 3

Learning to read: What is phonics?



- Phonics is an important skill that children learn when they come to school. It is one way of teaching children to read.
- Children are taught to read letters or groups of letters by saying the sound(s) they represent.
- Phonics teaching follows a six phase programme, starting in the Foundation Stage and continuing through Key Stage.
- Come and learn more.
- We really hope you can join us for this workshop on -

Wednesday 2nd October 2024 - 3.30 - 4.15pm

This workshop will be held in the Reception unit. We look forward to seeing you there.

**HAVE A LOVELY WEEK
THE EYFS TEAM**



RECEPTION PIRATE DAY
THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER



On **THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER**, to celebrate the end of this topic, we will have a Reception Pirate Day – the pupils can come to school dressed as pirates. We will have lots of fun pirate games and activities, and we will follow a special trail around school to find the hidden treasure!