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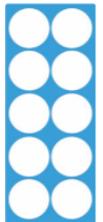
Mulberry and Holly Class Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

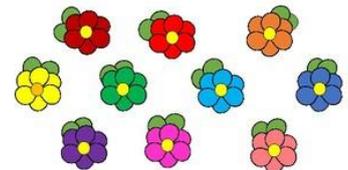
This week we have....

Maths We have been learning about the number 10. We have also been looking at one more than a given number up to 10.



Try these at home:

- Practise writing the number 10 and think of different ways you could show 10 on paper e.g. 10 shapes, 10 flowers, 10 people etc. Don't forget to post your work on tapestry!
- Look outside and see if you can spot the number 10 on anything, e.g. doors, buses, cars. Can you count 10 things, e.g. 10 children playing in the park?
- Play a game where you roll a dice and see who can reach 10 first. Add up the number you land on and see who can get to 10. Make it challenging by saying you must get exactly 10, e.g. if you are on 9 you can only roll a 1 as 2 would be too many.
- Draw around both hands and label your fingers from 1-10.
- Say a number between 1 and 9 and your child has to show you one more than that number on their fingers.



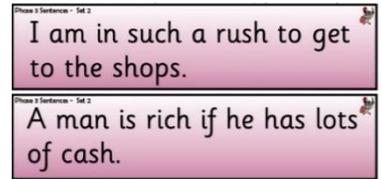
Phonics

This week in phonics we have been learning the digraphs 'ch' and 'sh'. We are now reading many simple words with known sounds and we are starting to read longer words e.g. chicken. We are reading many sentences and we are starting to write simple captions for example, 'chip in a pan', 'chop the log', 'rush to the shop', 'fish on a dish'. You can try writing these at home. We are learning to write captions in a line and put finger spaces between each word.



At home

- Write words with known sounds (including digraphs) and encourage your child to sound the word out hearing each individual sound.
- Make up a silly sentence and try to write this, e.g. the cat sat on the mat, the frog got a hot pot, a bug hid in the big rug.
- Start a book and encourage your child to write words, sounds or sentences in it. They could make up their own story or write about their weekend.
- Include them during the festive season – writing Christmas cards to family members; showing them how to write a card; make name labels for Christmas dinner – support your child to remember a capital letter at the start of names etc.



Christmas Show

This week we have been very busy rehearsing for our Christmas Nativity on Monday. You should have received your tickets for the show. 2 adults can attend in the morning and 2 adults in the afternoon. The show times are 9.30am and 2.30pm. The children have worked very hard for this show and they are all very excited to perform to you!



Whole School Christmas Panto

Don't forget the Christmas Panto will be on Tuesday. We are asking for a donation of £2 to be paid via SIMS. This would be greatly appreciated. It is very difficult for the school to continue to fund these great festive productions and experiences.

Book bags and reading books

Your child should be coming home with a new reading book once a week. Please ensure that your child brings their book bags and reading books in **everyday** so books can be changed regularly. Your child will not be given a new reading book until the old book is returned as there are not enough books to go around to everyone.



Christmas Festivities

We know the children are becoming very excited about Christmas and are eager to talk about what they are doing at home. The children love to share pictures on Tapestry so please continue to post information from home so we can share with the class for e.g. helping with Christmas decorations; visiting Father Christmas or going out and about over the weekend.



Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards
The Reception Team