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Mulberry and Holly Class Newsletter



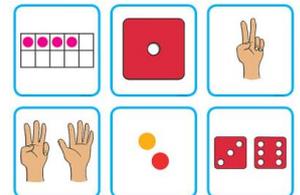
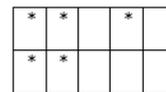
Dear Parents/Carers

This week we have....

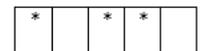
In Maths

We have focussed on numbers to five. We have counted, ordered and recognised the numbers from 0-5. We have arranged one, two, three and four cubes on a 5s frame and the arranged 5 cubes in different ways on a 10s frame.

We have looked at different ways numbers are represented by subitising, which is instantly recognising the number of objects in a small group without counting.



We have also looked at what is one more than a number and what is one less.



Try these at home:

- Ask your grown-up to tell you a number. Place this number of raisins or cereal pieces on your plate. If your grown-up says 'one more', can you add one more and say the number you have? If your grown-up says 'one less', can you eat one then count the number you have left?
- There are 6 frogs on a log. One jumps into the pond. How many frogs are left on the log? Can you draw a picture to show the number of frogs?
- Ask a friend or grown-up to place some small toys in front of them and say how many they have. Can you count out a group of toys that is one more?
- Build a tower with 7 bricks. Can you build two more towers of bricks, one that uses one less than 7 bricks and one that uses one more than 7? Can you put these in an order? What do you notice?
- Ask a grown-up to draw a spotty snake. How many spots does it have? Can you count them? Can you draw a snake that has one less spot?

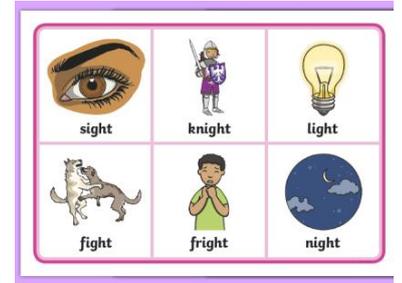
Phonics

This week in phonics we have learnt our first trigraph 'igh'. A trigraph is when 3 letters come together to make one sound. We have also been learning the 'ar' digraph. We have been practising writing words that have this sound and writing simple sentences. Some of us have been extending our sentences by putting an adjective in e.g. It is a red car, It is a bright light.



At home:

- Practise writing known sounds and ensure correctly formed letters.
- Practise simple sentences and writing from left to right, on a line and including capital letters and full stops – can you extend the sentences by putting in a describing word?
- Play games like sound bingo or snap using known digraphs and our first trigraph.
- Play outside and write sounds using chalk, who can find the sound first etc.



alphabet
sound jump!
THE IMAGINATION TREE

Also, this week

We have continued to explore winter and are learning about the different winter and arctic animals. We have involved ourselves in activities such as exploring animals stuck in ice – and thinking of ways to rescue them! We have also drawn pictures of winter animals and made our own winter scenes.



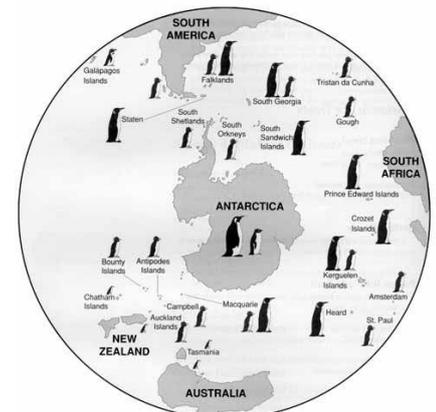
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We have learnt about the different species of penguin. Did you know there are 17 different species and that they live-mostly in the Southern Hemisphere? Ask your child if they can name some of the different types of penguin and which countries they can be found in.

Please don't forget to post all the great things you do at home on Tapestry.

Kind Regards

The Reception Team



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