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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have....

Maths

We have been focusing on numbers 9 and 10 this week. We have looked at how to partition them into smaller parts e.g. 5 and 4 make 9.

Try these at home:

- Make a tower using lego/blocks – use 2 colours – make a tower of 9/10 using 2 colours. How many of each colour do you have? Can you write down how many different ways you can make your tower?
- Draw a number line outside starting from 0 going up to 10. Stand on 10 and get your partner to say a number. Count back that number and see what you land on.
- Use some toy cars and line 9 up to make a traffic jam. How many would you have if another car joined the cue?

Phonics

This week in phonics we have been learning the 'ure' trigraph. Although this trigraph is quite tricky we have been trying very hard to learn it. We have been reading and writing words containing this trigraph: pure; cure; adventure; manicure; secure; mixture. We have also been writing short sentences focusing on this trigraph e.g. he had a cure, they went on an adventure. We have also focused on tricky words 'there' and 'when'.

At home

- Verbally make up a story trying to include the 'ure' trigraph. Can you write down any 'ure' words you use?
- Go on a sound hunt – say a sound and see what you can find that has that sound in.
- Draw a picture and write a sentence about it underneath – what is your picture of? What is happening? – We are encouraging children to label their pictures regularly in class.



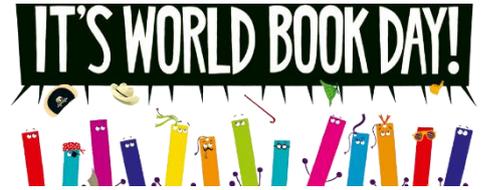
Also this week

We have continued to explore space. We have been learning lots of facts about space and have written about particular planets. We have also made some space themed biscuits and have enjoyed designing our own 'pants' linking to the book 'Aliens Love Underpants'. We have used our phonic knowledge to write a sentence about our space pants design e.g. my pants are.....



World Book Day

The children really enjoyed world book day last week. They all looked great and had a lovely day hearing about each other's favourite books. The children really enjoy reading and are reading books more independently in class, using their phonic knowledge to blend words together. Please continue



to promote a love of reading at home by reading favourite books together. Remember to sign reading diaries stating that your child has read for house points!

Kind Regards

The Reception Team