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Mulberry and Holly Class Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been a very different week for everyone, not knowing whether schools would close or not. Although school will be closed from the end of today (Friday 20th March), we will be working from home for the next two weeks so please know that we are at the end of an e-mail if you have any questions. Email addresses are available on the school website.

Home learning tasks have been put on our school website (go to: learning, homework, school closure learning packs). Please look on the school website or follow the link:

<https://www.downsschool.com/page/?title=Reception+%2D+Mulberry+and+Holly&pid=1071>

Please read the 'Letter to Parents' at the very top of the page once you click the reception area. It will explain what you can do with your child and what to write in their books that they have bought home.



These activities will help support your child to continue with their learning journey. Please read 'Early Learning Goals Parent and Carers Guide' to make you aware of the goals we are working towards.

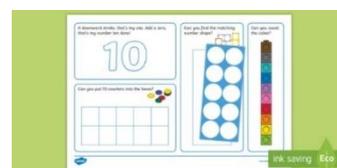


We would urge you to support your child in doing as many of these activities as possible and to record them onto Tapestry at least once a week. The house points chart for Holly and Mulberry class will be taken home by Miss Camp and Mrs Hearne and house points will be added throughout this period for every Tapestry post!

For now, we expect to return to school on Tuesday, 21st April. Please keep checking your e-mails, the school website and Twitter for any more updates from school.

This week:

Despite a bit of a different week we have still been working hard. In maths we have looked at the number 10 and the many ways that we can make 10. We have also started to look at some coins – 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p.



Special Sounds – ol (old / olt / oll / ole)
Word List and Sentences

1. fold	jolt	toll	mold
2. stroll	colt	stole	roll
3. pole	cold	mole	Cole
4. old	Holt	whole	hold
5. sole	bold	pole	sold

7. The colt is bolder than Cole.

2. We took a stroll in the cold.

3. I sold the bolts to an old man.

4. We sold the colt to Mr. Holt.

More English phonics handouts at www.stickyball.net/phonics.html

In phonics, we have looked at the ‘ol’ sound – e.g. gold, old, bold, cold. We have been writing words and sentences with this sound. We have also been seeing how many tricky words we can recognise and have timed ourselves in how quick we can say them all. We have then challenged ourselves each day to beat our time.

Also this week

Over the last few weeks, we have made sure children have been washing their hands with lots of soap. This week we have spoken more about hand washing and carried out a science experiment involving pepper and soap – try this at home. Put some pepper and water into a bowl. Dip your hand into some pepper and water – the pepper should stick to your child hand. Then wash your hands using lots of soap and dip you hand in again – the pepper should move away! We have also made germ posters and discussed the importance of washing our hands and sneezing/coughing into our elbows.

Spring

We have enjoyed learning about Spring this week too. We have talked about what we see in Spring and have written this down – in Spring I see..... (you could write this in your books). We have also discussed how the weather changes and becomes warmer and flowers start to grow. We have looked at matching baby animals to their mothers and have looked at real flowers/seeds and discussed what they need to grow.



We hope you enjoy this time with your children. Remember to post what you get up to on Tapestry – enjoy having Holly Hippo and Mulberry Monkey on sticks!

Stay safe and we will see you when we return.

Kind Regards

The Reception Team