

Tewkesbury C of E Primary and Pre School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

20th January 2023

A message from Mrs Farren and Mr Rylatt...

We're back in full swing and it's been amazing to see all of the children so absorbed in their learning both in the classroom and around the school. The cold, icy conditions have allowed the children to go on some wintery walks, explore the frozen puddles and even create their own ice decorations. Inside, the children have been lending each other a helping hand (which is our focus this week). It has been so lovely seeing them all supporting one another and all of the adults too - we really do have the most amazing children!

Wintery walks



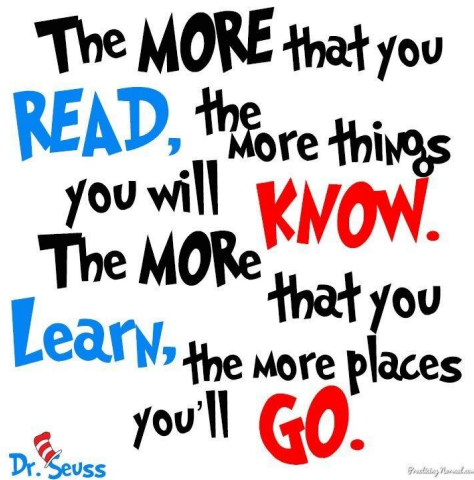
Our Reception Classes have continued to learn about Our Wonderful World and this week they went out on a walk to look for signs of winter. Throughout the walk, they saw lots of different signs and had to wrap up warm because it was so cold. The children believed Jack Frost had been to visit, following a class story about him. They then did an ice experiment and made some ice decorations that they left outside overnight to see if the water would freeze - it did! The children hung the decorations on the trees and predicted that they would start to melt in the sunshine. They checked on them throughout the day and found out their predictions were right!

Preschool



Preschool enjoyed their first welly boot walk of 2023. They used their own soft woodland toys to explore the environment and looked at some of the seasonal changes, they even had time for a game of hide and seek. I think it's fair to say that they had a wonderful time!

Reading at home



Listening to your child read, as well as reading to your child, is such an important part of their development. Spending time together while reading aloud helps to build their self-esteem, creates strong parent-child bonds, promotes healthy brain development, it even improves their sleeping patterns too! In addition, children that are read to more often have improved language and listening skills, experience stronger emotional connections to their loved ones and gain a lifelong love of reading. Here are some helpful tips to create good reading habits at home: read aloud regularly, read together, create a comfortable environment, talk about the books, let the children see you reading and bring the reading to life.

This week's focus

This week, as part of our Respect value, the children have been asked to lend a helping hand to someone. It was great to hear all of the different ways the children have been helping each other and the adults in the school. Let's hope they keep this up and lend you a helping hand over the weekend - I'm sure they will!

Learn together, shine forever

This week your focus is:

To lend a helping hand to someone

Look for people who may need your help

Smile Ask how you could help them

Listen Do kind things

Philippians 2:15 "We shine like stars in the sky."

iSingPop



We are delighted to be bringing the iSingPOP experience back to Tewkesbury C of E once again. iSingPOP is a singing and performing project that helps children and families engage in Collective Worship in school, church and at home. The children will be learning lots of great new songs and a few dance moves too, ready to perform for you all. The event will be happening in March, so we will be sharing more information with you closer to the time.

LOOK WHO'S TALKING!

An Oracy Competition for Gloucestershire's Infant, Junior and Primary Schools

Our school is very excited to be taking part in the 'Look Who's Talking!' competition, along with lots of other schools in Gloucestershire!

WHAT IS ORACY AND WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT?

Oracy is the ability to express ourselves clearly and communicate with others effectively, through spoken language.

By teaching our children to become more effective speakers and listeners, we are all helping to give them the tools they need to better understand themselves, each other and the world around them.

HOW WILL THE COMPETITION WORK?

Your child will get the chance to talk to their class for two minutes, about any subject that they choose and then a 'Star Speaker' will be chosen. In February, the Star Speakers from every class will then get to talk in front of the whole school. The winners will then go on to the next stage and will represent our school in the competition with lots of other schools!

WHAT CAN YOUR CHILD TALK ABOUT?

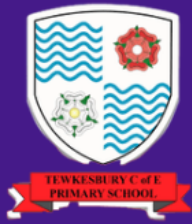
Children can talk about absolutely anything that they choose to, for up to two-minutes. They can use any props that they want to that will help with their talk, but just cannot use any technology, so no Powerpoints please.

HOW CAN YOU HELP THEM AT HOME?

- ★ First of all, please help them to think about what they would like to talk about. The more interested they are in the subject, the more passionate their talk will be! What are they interested in? What excites them? It might be a toy, their pet, a book, something they have seen on TV, their favourite sports team, something they have learned about from you at home - or anything else! It can be anything at all!
- ★ They will need to write and rehearse their speech, so please listen to them practise and give them lots of encouragement!
- ★ Make sure they are speaking with big voices, nice and clearly, so everyone can hear their talk and learn about their chosen topic.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!





Number Day 2023

on

Friday 3rd February 2023

What activities will be taking place?

- Number related non-school uniform
- A delicious cake sale organised and ran by School Council
- A class maths problem with prizes to be won
- Various fun maths related activities

A small amount of money will only be needed to make a purchase from the bake sale.

Next week's diary

Day	The School Day	After School Activities		Lunch Menu Week 1
Monday	Story and Craft Club (Y1 & 2) 12:45 - 1:15 pm	Football Club (Y4, 5 & 6) 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Table Tennis Club (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta Veggie Sausages with Pasta
Tuesday		Choir Club (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) 3:15 - 4:00 pm		BBQ Chicken with Mixed Rice BBQ Quorn with Mixed Rice
Wednesday		Tag Rugby Club (Y4, 5 & 6) 3.15 - 4.15pm Starting 1st February 2023		Toad in the Hole with Creamy Mash Veggie Burger in a Bun
Thursday	Puzzle Club (Reception) 12:45 - 1:15 pm	Lego Club (Y1 & 2) 3:15 - 4:00 pm	Drama Club (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Tomato & Cheese Pasta Bake Quorn Hot Dog
Friday				Jumbo Fish Finger with Chips Vegetable Ravioli with Tomato Sauce

Other Key dates

Friday 3rd February - Number Day (Number Related Non Uniform & Cake Sale)

Thursday 9th February - Cross Country Race 4 - Vineyards

Tuesday 14th February - Year 5 visiting Tewkesbury Comp for activities day

Friday 17th February - PTFA event 'Choose what you love to wear' day

Monday 20th February - Friday 24th February - Half term

Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April - Easter Holidays