

# Early Years Foundation Stage Weekly Update



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Below is a weekly update from all three EYFS classes. We hope you enjoy reading and seeing what has been happening this week in your child's class.

Have a lovely weekend.

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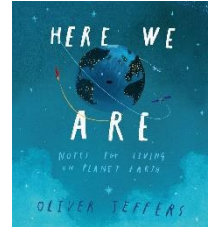
- Learning Together dates, please refer to the message sent via Arbor
- Parents' Evening, please refer to the message sent via Arbor



# Class Sunshine

We hope you had a lovely half term break and are ready for what will inevitably be a very busy half term.

On Tuesday we began our new literacy unit based on a beautiful book by Oliver Jeffers called *Here We Are*. We went on a virtual journey up a snowy mountain and watched an exploding volcano, before comparing the temperatures of two environments and learning new words to describe them, such as *baltic*, *frosty*, *scorching* and *sizzling*.



We turned history detectives on Thursday, investigating artefacts (toys) made 50-60 years ago. The children could explain how we know the toys are old and many could compare them to their own toys and make simple observations. We practised using some of our key vocabulary for this term, such as *a long time ago*, *present* and *artefact*.



Your child could maybe ask a grandparent or neighbour if they still have a toy they played with as a child and compare it to their own toys.



We also learnt about our Learning Hero Ole Kirk Kristiansen, the inventor of Lego and created a timeline of his life.

Our PE lessons will now be on Mondays, so any child with a PE kit may come to school wearing it.

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# Class Star & Class Moon

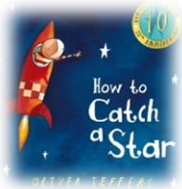


It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week! We hope that you have all had a lovely half-term break.



We started the week with our Lego theme day. We learnt about Ole Kirk Kristiansen, the inventor of lego. We had lots of fun taking part in lego building challenges and seeing what we could create!

We have embraced the wet weather and enjoyed jumping in muddy puddles. There has been lots of talk about Bonfire Night too, discussing the different traditions associated with the celebration.



In English we started our new unit. We are reading the story 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers. We read the start of the story and began to think about what it would be like to have our own star as a special friend. The children came up with lots of ideas about games they would play with their star friend.

The children have done so well remembering the first six phonemes (s, a, t, p, i, n) over the half-term break. This week we have learnt m, d, g.

From this Friday, the children will be bringing home a weekly homework task. This will be a phonics game or activity that the children can play at home with a grown up, providing really important opportunities for the children to practise recognising graphemes, identifying sounds and blending sounds together to read.

Any practise that they are able to do at home will help them greatly with their reading and writing!

## Reminders:

- Please can all children bring a plastic bottle to school next week. We are going to be making our own bird feeders.
- Please can all Reception children keep a pair of wellies of the correct size in school.
- Please can all children bring a waterproof coat into school every day.
- Homework folders should be returned to school each Thursday, ready for their new homework task to come home on Friday.

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