



Week beginning: 19th October 2020

Class R weekly newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

The last week of the half term already! This week is SPIDER WEEK in our nature study and we have linked this to Halloween - see photos. I thought the children might like a sneak peak of the classroom this week as they seemed very excited about it on Friday as we started setting up. We will be hunting for both spiders and their webs, learning facts about spiders and creating/playing with spiders in different areas of the classroom.

In our CP, we have a spider game using tweezers to pick up the spiders without touching the web. We have put out lots of 'loose parts' and materials to encourage spider-making, including black playdough. We have a 'pumpkin patch' in our small world farm and it's harvest time. Our home corner has had a Halloween makeover and our 'information area' has rather a lot of spiders and webs in amongst the fact books! Even the dolls' house has become a bit spooky! In Maths, the children can count and match spiders to numerals.

Learning

In Literacy, we will be reading the Julia Donaldson story of 'Spinderella' and also the classic poem 'The Spider and the Fly'. We continue phonics, with this week's focus sounds being: ck, e & u. We will be blending to read simple words.

Many children have a 'phonics' reading book now - please read the guidance in the front of these to support your child with their phonics learning. If your child does not have a phonics book yet, it is because they weren't confident with the first 8 or so sounds we have taught - please revisit these using your child's homework folder to help them secure the sounds, as we move quite quickly on to new ones each week.

In Maths, we continue our 1-5 learning with the key principles of counting: one-to-one correspondence, cardinality (the last number in a group is the total), stable order (saying numbers in correct order) and subitising (recognising small quantities without counting) along with conservation of number (knowing that if a number of objects are arranged differently, there is still the same total). All of these concepts are absolutely essential for children to secure before moving on to working with larger numbers.

Outdoor Learning

This week we are making collections of 8 to link to our spider work, as well as hunting for spiders and webs along the way. Our Nature Walk will be on Wednesday, not Monday, this week.

Home Learning Can you find any spiders or webs and take a photo to send us or bring us?

Homework - in addition to reading, we have put the next phonics sheets in your child's folder - please remember, children don't necessarily have to write the letters but may choose to draw and stick pictures of things beginning with each sound instead. These sheets are also for parents' information, so that you know the sounds and actions we're learning each week.

Send your Wow moments to: newstarters@coateslane.lancs.sch.uk

Kind Regards, Mrs Boon and the EYFS team

Notes: I am on a course on Monday - Mrs Jones and Miss Bowker are teaching.

Friday - Halloween dressing up! Finish for half term at 3.00pm.

