

5th May 2017

Dear Parents

Reception news

Our new topic for this term is 'Under The Sea'. Last week, we introduced the topic by reading a magical book called 'Tiddler - The Story Telling Fish'. The children created wax crayon and watercolour sea creature pictures, built ships and boats out of construction materials and explored the small world and reading areas to re tell the story and imagine life in the ocean.

This week, our focus book is 'The Rainbow Fish'. We have used this book to look specifically at 'sharing' and 'being kind' to each other, developing our understanding of the JCA learner traits. The children have used tissue paper to create rainbow fish collages, sand to create seascapes and shells to build sculptures in the outdoor provision. In baking, some of the children made delicious fish bites. They thought crushing and grinding the cornflakes was amazing! The children have also enjoyed the amazing new role-play structure by preparing the fisherman's supper and washing his clothes!

Literacy development

In Literacy, the children are striving to develop their hand writing skills, as well as writing full sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. On Friday's, the children have been participating in 'action word' relays with their talking partners. Partner one runs to collect an action word and takes it back to their partner. They both perform the action and say the word.

Partner two then writes the word on the mini whiteboard and they swop roles. Try it at home alongside the homework.



Mathematical development

In Maths, the children have utilised the 'hook a duck' activity and

'rainbow fish' provision to build a number sentence using the 'counting on' and 'counting back' method. They have used numicon and objects for matching correspondence and to



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support in calculating the totals. Please continue to encourage your child to practise forming numbers correctly.



Hair bobbles, sunhats and sunglasses

As the weather starts to get much nicer, please can we ask that your child does bring a sunhat in to wear? Please can we ask that sunglasses do not come into school, as this is a safety risk for our children, particularly when they are running around in the outdoor area.

Our uniform policy asks that children do wear simple blue or black bobbles. Bright and big bobbles are not allowed as it is important that we uphold JCA's smart image, which we are very proud of.

PE uniform

Please can we ask that your child does bring in black shorts for PE. Leggings are not part of our school uniform.

Have a great weekend,

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