

Reception Weekly News

18.1.19

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fun filled week delving into our topic, 'Once upon a time...'. We heard the story of Sleeping Beauty and learnt actions to help us retell it. We had an urgent request from the *Good Fairy* to help her write a recipe for a magic potion. We have built castles for our role play areas, having designed them last week! We have made royal crowns, swords, magic potions and labelled castles.

In Maths, we are becoming familiar with Numicon, recognising, ordering and adding with them.

In Literacy: We will be focusing on segmenting for writing and blending for reading. We will be using talk for writing to change the story of Sleeping Beauty and make up our own class versions.

In Phonics: We will be looking at the sounds **ay, ee, and igh**

In Personal, social and emotional development: We will be focusing on naming a wider range of emotions and feelings.

Maths: Next week, we will be learning to do simple subtraction, practicing one more and one less than a given number.

Other Activities:



Thank you to those who have signed up to come in and read to their child's class or help with Friday cooking. The sign-up sheets still have a few spaces, so don't miss out! You will find them outside Ms Cheang's classroom.

P.E: This was enjoyed by all this week. The children all need a P.E. kit each should contain a T-shirt, a pair of shorts and a pair of well-fitting plimsolls (all named please). Phil & Jims' P.E. kits are available from the office. Please may we ask that if possible, no tights are worn on our P.E. days as it makes changing a much swifter exercise!

All children need a named water bottle too. They are quickly learning to rehydrate when active!

Key dates for your diary:

Monday 21st January – Phonics Information Evening 5-5.45pm in the Hall

Friday 25th January – Parent craft afternoon **from 2.15pm**



Show and Tell:

Sadly, only a third of EYFS took part in show and tell this week. There are a number of children that do not bring things to talk about or to show.

Communication and Language are a huge part of the EYFS curriculum and also an important skill to be confident in.

Parents Evening

Thank you to all parents who attended the parent's evenings this week. After discussions with many of you we are sending out the relevant parts of **Development Matters** which we hope will make the assessment grades a little bit clearer for you.

Low – your child is emerging in this area of learning.

Mid – your child is developing in this area of learning.

High – Your child is secure in this area of learning.

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Please encourage your child to take part in this activity, if we continue to have only a small group of children joining in – we may have to abandon show and tell all together.

On that note...

There will be no show and tell next week because of our Parent Craft afternoon

Things to try this week:

- Practise retelling a favourite story using story language eg. Once upon a time, next, after that, then, finally....
- Practice counting backwards from different starting points.

Thank you for your continued support,
The Foundation Stage Team