

Weekly Learning Letter

Friday 10th November 2023

This week in Reception:

This week we have focused on the traditional tale of Jack and the Beanstalk. The children are already very familiar with the story as they have learnt a song about this for their impending musical performance! The children really enjoyed planting beans (using lots of language to talk about what plants need to grow and predicting what might happen), making tasty beans on toast, imagining and drawing what they would find at the top of their beanstalks and pretending to be the different characters in the story. We also began to discuss the Hindu festival of Diwali and introduced the children to the story of Rama and Sita. We will learn more about this next week.

Phonics:

The children have now learnt 4 new graphemes and phonemes – **ff, ll, ss, j**

We wonder if your child can tell you what a digraph is? “Two letters that make one sound”.

They also learnt some new tricky words **pull, put** and **full**.

Please visit the Kilmore School Website for more information about phonics and follow the link to the Little Wandle site, where you can find lots of parent information about how we teach this programme.

Maths / Number:

This week the focus number has been 6. We have explored different ways to represent 6, practised writing the numeral, looked at different arrangements of 6 and investigated the ways it can be divided into groups and put back together. We did this through drawing, games and even practised sharing out 6 spoons of beans whilst making beans on toast.

Reading:

This week the children began reading in their new reading groups (these will likely change each half term). The children are now really getting into the swing of the

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reading routine and enjoying showing the adult in their group how they can sound out the different words. Each group has now practised reading with prosody and learnt what comprehension means.

Home learning ideas:

- Make Jack and the Beanstalk puppets and props using recycling
- Can your child tell a story using the tricky words learnt this week 'put', 'pull', 'full'
- Take a nature walk in the park or your garden and ask your child to talk about what they can see and what the plants need to grow

Reminders

Monday 13th is odd socks day- <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>

Focus children:

If your child is having a turn at being one of the focus children (class teddy, special helper boss or Child of the Week) please remember to speak to your child's teacher or TA before the end of the week to organise your short parent's meeting. When it's your child's turn at being the Child of the Week, please take 4 photos of your child over the preceding weekend and email these to info@kilmorie.lewisham.sch.uk so that your child can present these to the class during their special week.

Lost clothing

Unfortunately, some clothing has gone missing when a child very expertly changed themselves earlier this week. Please could you check that a pink dress has not found its way into any of your child's belongings and if so, please return it to Lions class.

Thank you

Forthcoming events

Reception performances:

We would love to invite you to an exciting performance of songs from the children. Each performance will take place in your child's classroom and will last around 15 minutes. Please enter school via the Early Years gate, which will be staffed from 2.50 – 3pm. You are welcome to take your child home at the end of the performance

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if this is convenient for you.

- **Monday 13th November at 3pm – Tigers performance**
- **Tuesday 14th November at 3pm – Bears performance**
- **Wednesday 15th November at 3pm – Lions performance**

Reception trip to St George's Church – Monday 20th November:

We are all looking forward to visiting St George's Church on Vancouver Road and learning a little bit about Christianity from the local priest, Richard. In order to ensure that this trip is safe and successful, we would like to have as many parent/carer volunteers as possible. Please contact the Kilmorie office if you would be willing to help us out on this trip. Thank you to those of you who have already offered your help – it is greatly appreciated.

Tigers: 9:30 – 11am

Lions: 1:10 – 2:30pm

Bears: 1:45 – 3:15pm

School website

Please do [visit our website](#), you can find details of forthcoming events on the [calendar](#) (& you can subscribe to your child/ren's year group so it will auto update your calendar), as well as photos of learning activities including educational visits in the [photo gallery](#), read all about recent events and sporting achievements in the [school news](#) section and much, much more!

