

Weekly Learning Letter

Friday 19th April 2024

This week in Reception:

Welcome back everyone, we hope you all had a lovely and restful break. The children have had a brilliant week and have settled straight back into the routines of the day. Many of them were really excited to tell us all about all the exciting things they got up to over the break and the places they visited.

This week in Reception, we have been spending time revisiting the children's expectations in the classroom and the outdoor areas. We appreciated how much they have learnt this year and we talked about this being their last term in Reception. From now until the end of term, we want to make sure that every child feels comfortable and confident with the transition to Year 1, if your child is expressing some concern or worry about this transition, talk to us so we can better support you and your children.

On Thursday, we also talked about Autism Awareness Week, and we celebrated everyone's uniqueness by designing a puzzle piece each to make a puzzle in each class. The children understood that while we are all different, we all have a space in the school, and we all fit perfectly together just like a puzzle.

On Friday, we celebrated our first Football Friday, the children came dressed in their football attires and enjoyed feeling part of a team. The match of the week was England vs France with children from the three classes mixing in both teams.

Phonics:

This week in phonics, the children stayed in their own classes and have been reviewing all the sounds from the beginning of the year. We have continued practicing blending sounds together to read words and using the chunk it up method to read longer words.

The children have been enjoying practicing these through games such as 'pop it in the bin' and phonics noughts and crosses.

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.

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Maths / Number:

This week in number, the children have been reviewing their number knowledge. We practised the formation of numbers from 1-10 and number bonds to 5. We have also spent time reviewing everything that the children learnt about shapes in the last term, and we were really impressed with how much information they were able to recall. The children enjoyed playing games like the 'shape shop' where a child describes a shape and everyone else has to guess the accurate shape.

Home learning ideas:

- Can your child draw a picture of the first week back in school.
- Play the 'shape shop' games with objects from your house.
- Ask your child to spot tricky words in the books they took home for example, count how many 'the' are in the book.

Next Week

- Next Monday the 22nd of April we will be hosting an Indian dance workshop for the Reception children. Each class will have the opportunity to explore and learn Bollywood dance moves and styles.
- The children will continue their weekly reading programme (reading in small groups 3 times a week, focusing on de-coding, prosody and comprehension) and will be split into phonics groups in school once more

Early Years Garden Party

This year's **Early Years Garden Party** will be on **Saturday 11th May from 11.30 - 2.30pm**. This is a wonderful opportunity to have fun with your family, meet other Kilmorie families, whilst raising much needed funds for the Early Phase.

To make this a success, we need your help!

We need you to create a **poster** which will be displayed around the school to let everyone know about our amazing event. Three of these will then be selected (one from each year group) to become our official invites that will be sent to our future Reception families.

All children that create a poster will have them displayed around the school.

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Your **poster** can be as imaginative as you wish but needs to include the following:

- **Early Years Garden Party**
- **Saturday 11th May**
- **11:30 – 14:30**

Once completed please hand your poster into your class adults or Ashleigh.
Please can they be returned by Friday 26th April.

