

Weekly Learning Letter

Friday 26th April 2024

This week in Reception:

We have been very busy celebrating Earth Day, St. Georges Day and Shakespeare Day. We started the week talking about the Earth, the reasons we love it and why we need to look after it, the children learned about plastic usage and its consequences and felt inspired to make posters that encourage the reduction of plastic usage.

To celebrate St. Georges Day the children designed their own shield, drawing things that represent them and make them happy. In class we talked about England and the things we like about living here, some children were very passionate about their love for fish and chips!

To mark National Shakespeare Day, the children made up their own plays, they came up with characters for their story and used puppets to perform their plays.

Phonics:

This week in phonics the children have been practising reading CVCC words like **went, hand, gift, soft**, etc. We have continued to read longer words like **morning, farmer, lightning, pattern**, etc.

The children also reviewed the tricky words from last term like **the, go, no, of, you** and learnt the new tricky words **said, so, have** and **like**.

You could play a game of 'noughts and crosses' using the tricky words, just like this grid -



Maths / Number:

They continued to engage with activities that drew attention to the purpose of counting e.g. to find out 'how many' objects there are. The children also revisited the concept of cardinality – the idea that the last number in the count tells us how many things there are altogether.

The children enjoyed doing this by counting manipulatives and things that can not be seen like sounds. The children used body percussion to count sounds, they counted the claps, snaps and taps and put it all together to create their own song.

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Home learning ideas:

- Ask your child to make a representation of the Earth using different materials like tissue paper, cardboard, playdough...
- Make a play at home, choose some toys and create a story to put up a show in your own home.
- Ask your child to count their steps from home to school.

Early Years Garden Party

Early Phase (Nursery, Reception, Year 1) and the Friends of Kilmorie will be holding their **Early Phase Garden Party** on **Saturday 11th May from 11.30-14.30pm** in order to raise funds for Nursery, Reception and Year 1. As well as providing an opportunity to socialise with families and have fun!

To make this a success, we need your help!

Volunteer

Please sign up if you can give some time on the day, follow this link

volunteersignup.org/8WYY9

Wishlist

If you are unable to give time perhaps you could help us to purchase some items that are needed, the Friends of Kilmorie wishlist can be found here,

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/37CJ7CCIFV2UX?ref=wl_lfu_nav_2

Donations

Please have a good rummage at home to see if you have any unwanted toys or children's clothes for our pre-loved stalls. These must be cleaned and in a good condition.

Cakes

We would welcome any cakes (homemade or bought) to sell at our cafe. Please ensure that the ingredients are clearly labelled and of course nut free!

Posters

Don't forget to make a poster. Your poster can be as imaginative as you wish but needs to include the following,

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

Once completed please hand your poster into your class teacher or Ashleigh.

ENTERTAINMENT FROM OLYMPICUBS ON THE DAY!!

We are very excited to invite you to our Magic Mystery and Mayhem Show, hosted by the very popular James from OlympiCubs. There will be 4 shows during the Early Years Garden Party and tickets are now on sale.

<https://buytickets.at/friendsofkilmorie/1233166>.

Book now to avoid disappointment on the day! Don't worry if you miss out, we have kept half of tickets to sell at the garden party.

Thank you for all your support.

Have a great weekend!

Reception Team

