

Reception

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Firstly, well done to all children for completing their first half term in school so successfully. All the staff in Reception would like to congratulate all children on their settling and the progress they have made so far. We look forward to sharing their individual successes with you during parents' meetings in November.

This week

We have loved recording our performances of songs and the telling the story of the Little Red Hen using actions for language such as 'who', 'early one morning' and 'so'. We can't wait to show you. Each class will put up their show on the website or made accessible via Microsoft Teams over half term.

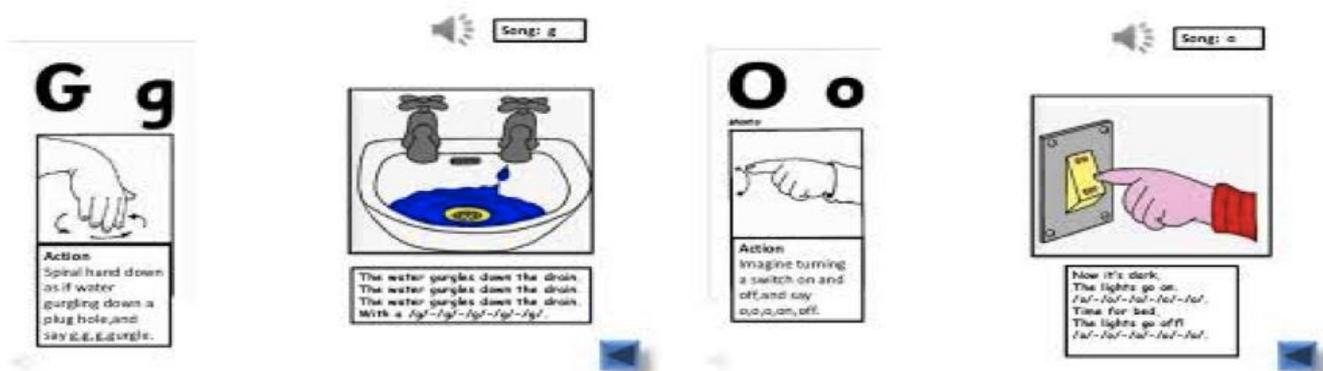
We have been focusing on the number 6 this week; counting forwards and back, breaking it into groups, moving quantities around, estimating, sharing and doubling it.

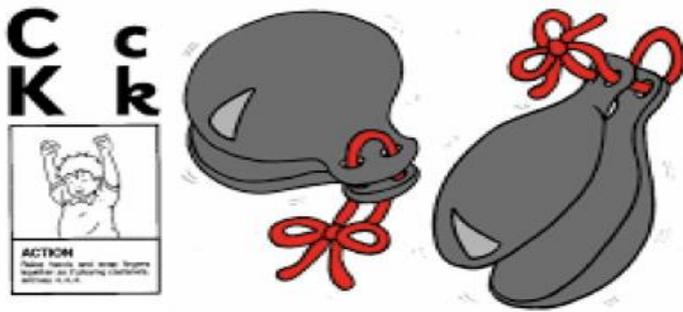
All the children have had a go at playing dice games in groups; lots of social learning occurring during this play!

Phonics

This week we have learnt the actions for the sounds **g**, **o**, **c**, **k**. Please get your child to show you these as practice. Can they find something in the house that begins with each sound? (Tip: Do not worry about c or k distinction, using either is great at this point) We have also been using our blending skills to read simple words, eg *p-i-n*, *s-i-t*, using robot talk.

Is your child able to robot talk for you to find something in the room? (This is hard so does not need to be anywhere near perfect just yet)





Next week

We hope you all have a good half term break and that all families stay healthy and safe. Perhaps you could write a Wow card to tell us how great the children were at using technology to talk to relatives they might normally have visited at this time

Alternatively, or as well, we would love to know all about **patterns** you can spot in your local environment. For example, in bricks, drain covers, railings, fir cones to name a few. Can you use your own words to describe these patterns. For example, pointy, straight, long, diamond, like a ...

You could make a video and send it to reception@kilmorie.lewisham.sch.uk indicating which class you are in.

All games of '**I spy** with my little eye something beginning with the sound...' can be played anywhere and help the children enormously when they are invited to write

Similarly, can they add the initial sound of 2 things they would like to add to your **shopping list**- ideally something beginning with sounds they have recently been taught. For those who are already blending sounds, they might include more letters. For example, grapes might be just g or gs or gaps; any of which are a great try at this point in their learning.

Next Term

Our learning stimulus will be '**Me and My Senses**'. It would be great if you can start to talk about the 5 senses with your children and maybe try some new tastes. Perhaps this could be an ideal opportunity to get them helping out with the **cooking**- always an educational experience and sometimes quite good fun! Cakes are often a popular choice, but if your child resists eating veg, could you make a beetroot and chocolate cake or a carrot cake.

Let's hope the sense they experience is not pain as they graze themselves on a grater, but as we have seen in the wonderful cooking videos, the children are capable of managing these skills safely, when taught.

Through this topic we will be learning about different **Festivals of Light** from around the world and hope to become very familiar with **Goldilocks**.

Wow cards!

Thanks for the cards we have had in so far – they have been a really useful source of information about your children.

Reminders & Requests

- URGENT - If you have not already done so, please return your consent to use Seesaw by clicking on the link in the email you have been sent. This will enable you to access home learning should Reception be closed for any reason.
- Our **curriculum meeting** presentation is being put up on the website for you to view. It tells you more about life in Reception, how we plan for progress and gives specific information about how we teach phonics.
- You will soon be sent a **Parent/Teacher meeting email** inviting you to request a meeting time using Microsoft Teams. Appointments are offered on a first-come, first-served basis, so please return your request (via the email address reception@kilmorie.lewisham.sch.uk) as soon as possible. We will always try to accommodate you where we can, but this is new to all of us, so please be patient.
- If you have small offcuts of **soft wood** such as pine, we would love to have them for our popular woodwork activities
- Please send your child in with wellies (which they can leave on their peg) and warm coats next half term as the weather starts to get colder and wetter.



Have a great half term!