



Dear Parents,

Last week we have been ...

- Sharing our 'All about Me' books with each other
- Talking about our weekend news to a small group and illustrating it
- Having a go at drawing a picture and writing our weekend news!
- Drawing ourselves and our families and talking about why we are special.
- Discovering our Reflection area and what we can do there.
- Continuing to develop new friendships
- Playing with the role play equipment outside in the house and constructing with the large blocks
- Learning the sounds **s a t p** and learning jolly phonics actions and songs
- Playing phonics games and exploring phonics resources
- Reading the book 'Farmer Duck'
- Making our own puppets and retelling the story
- Making a 'story map' together'
- Joining in with the repeated refrains in the story
- Painting pictures of cockerels and making marks and textures with forks
- Doing 'Jump Ahead' PE games and activities in the hall
- Doing PE with Mr Dolton on the playground and doing yoga in the classroom.
- Counting to 20 and back and undertaking a daily maths challenge with the number 2
- Talking about 'Learning powers' and going to celebration assembly
- Going to Forest School for the first time and having a great time exploring, taking and adventuring together outside
- Tapping sticks to follow a rhythm and joining in to create sounds and songs
- And much, much more!

Phonics Booklets

Please could you go through your child's phonics sounds and tricky words and read with them every day. We have sent home the phonics we have learned so far, highlighted in their phonics books. You could practise making words with them and sounding out words with the sounds we've learned so far.

Some children are bringing grapes to school. If they do so could you please cut them long ways, in half. This is the advice all reception and pre-school are given nationally to help minimise choking incidents.

Reading Minutes

Thank you to those of you have recorded your reading minutes in your reading records. This can be any amount of time the children read, look at books, are read to, or practice phonics in their phonics and tricky word booklets.

ICT Links

We have added a page of ICT links which would support your children's learning at home. They will be on the school website on the Maple class page.

Many thanks and well done to all the children for settling into the routines of school so well.

Mrs Boldero, Miss Munn and Miss Bews.

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