



## Spring Grove Primary School

### Reception Homework and News

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been learning about plants! The children began by sharing what they knew about growing and planting as well as what plants need to survive. We have discussed how plants grow from seeds and likened this to the human life cycle, which we had previously learnt about, and thought about how the seasons can affect the growth that we see around us. The children have been on a plant hunt in our school grounds and outside area and enjoyed finding a vast variety of flowers and plants. Then we demonstrated labelling the different parts of a plant by adding simple labels to a diagram. During this activity, we spent most of the time identifying and defining the function of the roots and stem as most children could identify and talk about the petals and leaves already. This week, we challenged the children to write about what they had learnt and we were so pleased with their efforts- well done everyone!

The children have also been thinking and sharing their ideas about where the water actually goes when we water a plant, so we decided to test these ideas by conducting an experiment! We placed some white flowers into water with some food colouring added to it. We hoped that this would reveal where the water would travel in the plant and the children made predictions about what we would find out. We saw that as the plant absorbed water through the stem and up to the flower, some of the leaves and petals changed colour! This was a great talking point and really helped illustrate to the children how plants use water to grow and thrive.

In Maths, we have been revisiting numbers to 20 and beyond by playing number games and matching different amounts to their numeral representations. The children really enjoyed playing number bingo, carefully counting a group and using their memory skills to locate the correct number. We have also been exploring the composition of two digit numbers and finding the number bonds for a given number, for example:  $14 = 10$  and  $4$  or  $9$  and  $5$  etc. Some children have been using this learning to think about combining two amounts to find the total.

We realised that since starting Reception we have been writing for so many different purposes! The children have written recounts about what they have done at the weekends, lists to remember what they needed to take on holiday, stories to entertain their readers and even writing notes for family and friends! We decided to showcase all our writing on a special display and encouraged all of the class to contribute. It's lovely to see how capable the children are of writing for different purposes and seeing how much they have developed as writers.

Ideas to support your child at home:

- Have a go at playing your own game of number match bingo! You can use the template on Google Classroom or make up your own with numbers of your choice. We would love to see what you do!
- Please find your child's assigned Read Write Inc videos on Google Classroom to help with their phonics consolidation.
- Please continue to read as often as you can.

If you have any junk modelling that you would be happy to donate, please send them into school with your child. The class love to build and make with boxes, kitchen roll tubes, empty yoghurt pots and more, so please raid your recycling for us! Thank you.

Have a nice weekend!

Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Kotecha and Miss Manlow ☺

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