FS Newsletter

Friday 22nd September 2023

Communication and Language

Stories and books we have enjoyed this week!











Literacy

This week we have been looking at the book 'Incredible You'. The children thought about an animal they would like to be and explained why. In phonics this week the children have been clapping and stamping syllables, copying a beat with claves as well as trying to hear the first sound in words and finding a matching object. We have had great fun playing 'silly soup', 'cross the river' and 'Metal Mike' where the children have been practising their oral segmenting and blending skills The children have been practising spotting their name and writing it.

At home you could try:

- Finding objects that match and objects that are different, saying how you know.
- Finding objects that start with the same sound as your name.
- Talking about the learning gems and what they mean.

Sapphire – coping with distractions

Diamond - problem solving

Amethyst – working as part of a group

Emerald – attempting a new challenge

Ruby – being kind

Topaz – sharing ideas and valuing yourself and others.

Notes for Parents

We have had a great first full week settling in and getting used to new routines. We have been busy exploring both the indoor and outdoor areas and getting to know each other. It has been wonderful continuing seeing the children building relationships and making new friends.

We have given the children a reading book and a reading record book within a wallet. Please ensure this book is in school everyday and to preserve the book please keep it in the wallet as we have found that water bottles have a habit of leaking inside bags! The majority of children will receive a book without words. Please encourage them to tell a story or talk about the pictures. Developing language is an important part of the reading process.

Have a great weekend!
The Foundation Team

Maths

In maths this week we have been matching and sorting objects and pictures, using the words set, match, same and different. We had to check that the details were the same to make sure it was a true match.







Understanding the World

This week we have been thinking about our special things and the children enjoyed sharing their special items. We talked about what makes them special and also discussed that we might not all think a particular object is special and that our reasons which make it special might be different.

Expressive Arts and Design

This week some of the children have been inspired by our Metal Mike robot that we use in phonics, and have created their very own robot out of junk materials and paper.

As a class we acted out Goldilocks and the three bears, the children were keen to participate and show off their acting skills!