

Reception Weekly News!

Friday 20th January 2023

Polite reminder-Please remember to complete and post the tapestry challenges each week. Thank you

We have had another very busy week at school that has been made extra special by the cold weather and snow. The children have really enjoyed going outside and exploring and investigating our frozen playground. We have created challenges outside for the children to investigate and solve e.g. how can we rescue the sea creatures from the frozen water and the children have also enjoyed adding ice and snow to their mud kitchen recipes! We encourage the children to go outside whatever the weather and would therefore ask that in cold weather the children arrive at school with a warm coat, hat and gloves (named to help ensure they don't get lost!) This week we have also started learning about China and Chinese New Year. We have explored where China is on our classroom globes and also looked at some of its famous landmarks. We have also started to learn about Chinese New Year or Luna new year. The children have been given the opportunity to make paper lanterns to help decorate the rooms as part of our celebrations. Next week we will be tasting different foods, as we continue to explore this topic. Please see the tapestry challenge below to see how you can support this learning at home.

What have we been learning in Maths?

At Broadstone Hall, we follow the White Rose scheme. This week we have been thinking about 5. The children have been learning how to find 2 numbers that add to 5 and then trying to instantly recall these numbers. We have been using tens frames, part, part whole models and practical equipment to support this learning. Using our part, part whole model the children know that 5 is the whole. They have then investigated the different part of 5 e.g. if 5 is the whole then part of 5 is 3 and part of 5 is 2. Instant recall of these number facts will help the children with their learning further up the school. Any consolidation of this learning at home will be of great benefit.

What have we been learning in phonics?

This week's sound is:

ow

We have been reading and writing words with the ow sound in (Brown owl ow) e.g. owl, now, how, down, brown, towel etc

Challenge- Can you write a list of ow words? Can you read them to your family?

Weekly Key Words

In monster phonics this week we have been continuing to focus on the HFW words:

down look now

Can you child sight read and write these words?

Please remember to keep practising the words and sounds in your **blue book!** Thank you.

Tapestry Challenge!

As we are learning about China and Chinese New Year, your challenge this week is to continue exploring this topic. You could cook some Chinese food at home, google some interesting facts about China or draw a picture of a Chinese landmark. Manchester city centre also has a dragon parade on Sunday 22nd January and more details can be found on the council's website. **Remember to share your challenge work on tapestry.**

Don't forget!

- Tapestry Challenge work to be completed and posted each week
- Reading books are changed on a Monday
- Library books are changed on a Friday
- Blue books in school everyday
- PE Kit (white top and black shorts) to be kept in school and named
- No juice in school please, water only in bottles-Thank you