

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and we hope you have had a very enjoyable Easter holiday.

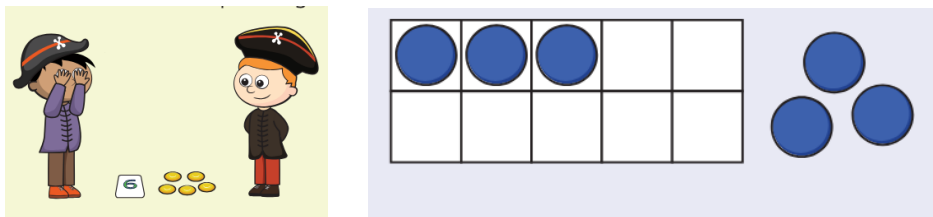
In Literacy this week, we have started our Phase 4 phonics learning which focuses on consolidating and practising the letter sounds learnt so far. We do not introduce any new sounds throughout this phase. During phase 4 the children will begin to recognise how the sounds they have already learned are often blended together into clusters. The children will be learning how to read and spell words which have adjacent consonants, such as 'trap,' 'string,' and 'milk.' We now have more new tricky words to learn and this week we have been reading our new tricky words; **said, so, have** and **like**. Please keep practising these with your child at home. The phase 4 tricky word list will be added into your child's tricky word box. Next week we are focusing on sentence writing and becoming more independent at hearing all of the sounds in words. This week in our handwriting sessions, we have been practising forming the capital letters **B** and **P**.



From the top, down, back to the top. Round to the middle, round to the bottom.

From the top, down then back up. Curve right to halfway down.

In Numeracy we have started learning about taking away amounts. The children already have experience of taking away objects in everyday life and this is now built on by taking away more than one object. This week's focus has been on decreasing a quantity by a given amount, while continuing to work within 10. We worked together by using real objects to see that the quantity of a group can be changed by taking some away. The children were encouraged to remove the items and then count or subitise to see how many are left. The 'first, then, now' structure is an effective way to help build their understanding by creating mathematical stories in meaningful contexts, using tens frames, number tracks and their fingers. The children were asked key questions such as 'How many are there?' 'How many were there first?' 'How many are left?' 'How many are there now?'



In topic work, we have been learning all about Eid. We have looked at different clothes that are worn, found out lots of new information around why Eid is celebrated and created our own Mehndi patterns.

I can tell you all about Eid!

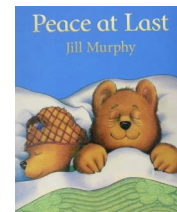
This week's 'Talking Topic' is:

This week's 'Word of the Week' is: **Eid**

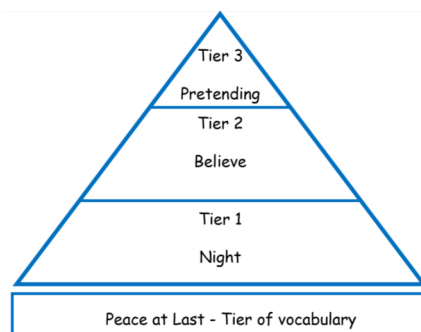
Please click on the link below to share this week's Eid song with your child.

[Eid Mubarak song](#)

This week we have enjoyed sharing our class reader: **Peace at Last**



Here are some of the words that we have been exploring from our class reader this week.



As we move into the summer months and hopefully the weather becomes warmer, please can you ensure that sun cream is applied to your child before bringing them to school on hotter days or if a sunny forecast is given. The children can also bring in their own named sun hat and sun cream to keep in their drawer if you wish for them to re-apply later in the day if necessary.

Throughout the summer term we will be having our PE lessons outside as we begin our athletics topic. Weather permitting, the children will continue to wear their shorts and t-shirts during each PE session. If you prefer, your child is welcome to bring an outdoor PE kit into school. This should include some joggers and a jumper or hoodie. Their PE kits will still be sent home at the end of the half term.

This half term we will be having another 'Open door' session for each class. This is when we invite parents and carers to join us in the classroom and engage in activities alongside your child. You will need to enter school via the main entrance by the school office. Please make sure that you check the weekly letter for information on your child's Open Door session. The Open Door session will start at 2.30pm and finish at 3:05pm, giving us time to get ready for home time when the children will leave school as normal. There is no obligation to come to your child's session and if you cannot join us at all due to work commitments then that is fine also. If you have a willing grandparent or relative who could come instead they would be very welcome to join us. We look forward to seeing any parents, grandparents or childminders that can attend.

Tuesday 13th May 2:30pm until 3:05pm- Open Door for RV Parents/Carers.

Tuesday 20th May 2:30pm until 3:05pm-Open Door for RM parents/Carers.

If you do have any concerns or questions do please write them in your child's home/school book.

Many thanks
The Reception Team