

Reception Home Learning – Week beginning 8th November 2021

This week:

We have introduced our new core text – ‘Astro Girl’ by Ken Wilson Max. We looked at an illustration from the end papers and discussed it as a whole class before reading the story. This prompted lots of speaking and listening opportunities and the children used vocabulary linked to space and the night sky.

In maths we focussed on repeating patterns. We identified patterns on our clothes and in the environment, looked at repeating patterns and had a go at extending them.

Our number of the week is number **7**.

We talked about Remembrance Day with the children on Thursday and they made poppies to remember the armed forces who have fought to help us.

Our key word this week is **are**.

Parents' Information:

Children in Need Day

On Friday 19th November, we will be acknowledging Children in Need Day and we encourage the children to wear something yellow or with polka dots to school on that day. We would also appreciate a small donation to help raise money for this charity. We will be talking about why we are collecting donations and doing lots of fun Pudsey related activities throughout the day.

Autumn Walk

During our Forest School session on Monday, we will be taking the children through Oliver Tambo Recreation Ground for an Autumn Walk. The children will have a check list of things to spot in the environment and we will be observing the seasonal changes as we do a lap of the park. Please ensure your child is appropriately attired for the day.

Sharing a Story

Sharing a story daily enhances your child's learning immensely. We ask that when you are reading a story, maybe before bedtime, that you ask questions about the text, e.g. How is the character feeling?; Can you think of a different ending to the story?; Are there any clues in the pictures?; etc. This helps children to understand the story and it develops comprehension and language skills.

Something to do

Patterns

You could encourage your child to spot patterns at home and in their local environment. Can they recognise repeating patterns? Are they able to suggest what would come next in the repeating pattern? etc.

Fine motor skills

To help your child develop their fine motor skills, we would recommend that you encourage them to do activities such as:

*Squeezing sponges *Rolling, squeezing, shaping playdough *Threading pasta to make jewellery

*Hanging clothes with pegs