



Reception Parent Notice Board

Welcome back and Happy New Year! It has been lovely to hear the children talking about all the fun and excitement that they have had over the Christmas holidays.

We have now started our topic of dinosaurs. Over this half term we will be looking at the different types of dinosaurs and exploring what they look like and what they eat. In our sand area we have some dinosaur 'bones' for the children to 'uncover' and count and our role play area has become a museum. We will be reading books such as 'How to grow a dinosaur', 'Dinosaur in the supermarket' and 'Dinosaur in school'. Our Maths and Literacy lessons will also be linked to this theme.

Our pupils of the week this week are Emilia Hickman for her fantastic writing during our phonics lessons, applying everything she has learnt and fully applying herself in all her learning and Eva Homles (RBE) for always coming to school with a smile on her face, for persevering with her words and blending. Well done ☺

Dates for your diary

Please check whole school newsletter for other events.

* **Parent Phonics/Number evening** – This will be on Wednesday 23rd January at 5.30pm and then repeated on Friday 25th January at 9am for anyone who cannot make the Wednesday meeting – This will be a short presentation which will explain the next phase of your child's learning, It will explain the Early Learning Goals and explain ways in which you can help your child achieve them. Due to parents response of being split between the

Mathletics

Each child at Holy Trinity School has their own username for the maths website 'Mathletics'. Mathletics is an award winning interactive site that aims to improve pupil's maths skills through fun activities linked to the UK National Curriculum. This website can be accessed from any computer (There is an app so can be accessed on tablets also).

Within Mathletics there are activities that the children can access as their own pace and each week there will be an activity set by the teacher. In the inside of your child's reading record book you will find their mathletics username and password (please make a record of this/take a photo so you always have a copy). Then log into your child's account - <http://www.mathletics.co.uk/>

Letter formation

It is really important that all children are using the correct letter formation when they are writing. Each letter has a corresponding rhyme for example, the letter 'a' is 'around the apple and down the leaf'. Please continue to practice

Number of the week: 10

We are going to continue to work with the number 10. We are going to be exploring odd and even numbers within 10. Counting in 2s up to 10. We will also be discussing counting in 10s and exploring the concept of a 10.

Please make sure you complete your child's mathletics homework by

Foundation Stage Staff

Miss Wynd (RW Class teacher and Foundation Stage leader)
Mrs Elders (RBE Class teacher Mon-Wed)
Mrs Bowman (RBE Class teacher Wed-Fri)
Miss Taylor (RW Teaching Assistant)
Mrs Neugebauer (RBE Teaching Assistant and Nursery Nurse)

Phonemes (sounds)

We are working on the following sounds (phonemes) oo, oo, ar, or,
We will be reading and writing simple words with these phonemes and our other phonemes in them: