



Heyhouses Reception Newsletter

Spring Term 1 Week 5

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This Week

This week we have continued learning key facts about Ghana, including some physical and human features and how life is different there from where we live. We have looked at coconuts, tasted some tropical fruits grown in Ghana and tried some fried plantain (Amma's favourite food in the book 'Anansi and the golden pot').

We have started the next module of the My Happy Mind programme this week which is all about how to celebrate our character and who we are. This week we learnt about what character strengths are (these will also be referred to as their superpowers) and we focussed on the love and kindness strength. The children have learnt that love and kindness strengths mean being kind and caring to other people and to themselves. Talk to your child about all the different ways they can be kind. This can include using kind words and having kind hands.

On Friday it was 'Number Day' and the children enjoyed taking part in lots of extra number themed activities.

Phonics

This week was an assess and Review week, which allowed us to revise all the sounds introduced so far and to practise applying phonics in our reading and writing activities. Please continue to read regularly at home to ensure your child is applying their sound knowledge at home as well as at school.

Maths

Focus: Counting, ordinality and cardinality

A key focus has been to consolidate the 'stable order principle' – rehearsing the order of the first 10 numbers and understanding that the position that each number holds in our number sequence does not change. While working with numbers to 10, the children have also developed their understanding of the ordinal aspect by consolidating their understanding that each number has a value of '1 more' than the previous number.

Home Challenges:

Use 'spotting' books, e.g. 'Where's Wally' to count how many of a certain item can be seen.

Practise the counting sequence beyond 20, e.g. Let's see what number we can count to while we are waiting for...

Important Dates

We have just booked an exciting educational visit for the Reception children to go to Brockholes Nature Reserve on Thursday 3rd April. The cost of this trip will be just under £20 and there will be an option for you to pay this off in instalments. This will be paid through Parent Pay. You should all have set up an account when your child first started school (there was a letter sent out with an activation code). If you have not got an account set up for Parent Pay you MUST go and speak to someone in the school office to get a new activation code as soon as possible as this is the only way you can pay for the school trip. Please look out for a letter on the PA connect app about this trip next week as there will be a consent form you will have to fill out for your child be able to go. If you need any help with this, please speak to us on the door.

Important information

Towards the end of next week there is going to be an exciting new addition being installed in our Reception playground. This will unfortunately mean access to our classroom doors may be slightly different/limited for a couple of days. Sorry in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

