

Weekly Learning Letter

Early Years – 25.9.23

This week in Early Years...	<p>This week we have been looking at Google Maps, finding our school and learning that our school is in a town called Saffron Walden. We also looked at a World Map and found the United Kingdom. In addition, we have been discussing other countries and celebrating different cultures. The children have been practising saying hello in different languages.</p> <p>We have also introduced Zones of Regulations which helps us to identify our emotions and then use strategies to help us and others feel better.</p>
Reminder	<p>Please continue to encourage your child to put their coat/ shoes and socks on independently. We have practised this at school and the children are getting pretty good!</p> <p>Your child has a reading diary that you can write down any comments of books that you have shared together. Once your child is blending, they will bring home a reading book to read to you each day.</p>
Maths	<p>In maths this week we have introduced the children to subitising (children to be able to see/notice a quantity without counting). The children have been making different dot patterns, have used their fingers to show different quantities, and used a 5 frame to say what they can see. As well as subitising and noticing patterns of 1, 2 and 3, the children have been using their reasoning skills to notice when a quantity is not 3.</p>
English	<p>In English this week we have introduced our oral version of The Three Bears. We have learnt the story by drawing a Text map and putting actions with the story to help us to retell it. We have also been learning some vocabulary within our story (cottage, furious, gobbled).</p>
Phonics	<p>This week in phonics we have been learning the new phonemes – i,n,m,d. We have been practising our oral blending, assisted blending with magnetic letters, and segmenting this week with words containing – s,a,t,p,i, n, m, d (e.g. map, nap, tin, nip, dad, did).</p> <p>We have also been learning to read High Frequency words: is,it,in,and.</p>
This week's sounds:	i,n,m,d

To support your child's learning at home this week you could...

- You could practise writing your name, making sure that you are using the correct formation. Challenge yourself, can you get better each time? Can you write it in lots of different ways? In flour, spaghetti, foam, chocolate! (letter formation chart attached)
- Try and strengthen your arm and finger muscles by playing with Playdoh , building with lego or finger painting.
- You might like to make your own dot pattern at home- what do you see?
- Practice putting on and doing up your coat.

See Saw activity: Can you go for a walk this weekend, what do you notice, what do you see? Please send us some photos of what you see. You might see 3 leaves on the ground, you might see 3 trees in a line?