



Weekly Learning Letter

Early Years – 23.9.24

This week in Early Years...	<p><i>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 our special places around the world. 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.</i></p>
Reminder	<p><i>Please ensure that all of your child's belongings are clearly named, especially cardigans and jumpers and coats.</i></p> <p><i>P.E will take place on Thursdays and Fridays- your child should come to school in their P.E kit on those days.</i></p> <p><i>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. Please ensure these come into school each day.</i></p>
Maths	<p><i>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.</i></p>
English	<p><i>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).</i></p>
Phonics	<p><i>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).</i></p>
This week's sounds:	<i>i, n, m, d</i>

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

- **Autumn Treasures:**

*Here's a challenge to collect some Autumn treasures,
To bring back to class and discuss with your friends,
When the sun doesn't hang around as much in the day,
The leaves change colour and blow away,
Conkers, sticks, acorns and leaves,
Lots of lovely things fall from the trees,
So grab your wellies and your grown ups hand,
Go and explore the Autumn land.*

Please could you bring all your autumn treasures in a bag on the week starting 30th September for the children to explore and investigate together.

- *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.*

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?*