

Dear Parents and Carers,

What we have been up to ...

This week, we have been learning all about our local area. On Monday, we looked at a book all about different types of places in which people can live. We looked back at the 'Curiosity Cloud' from last week, to remind us what the words address and stamp meant and spoke about our exciting I-Spy walk that was due to take place later in the week.

Over the course of this week and last week, the children worked hard to name and decorate a special teddy bear. The bears were then put lovingly into envelopes and the children wrote their names and addresses (with a little help!) onto the envelopes so that they could post their teddies home through the letterbox during the walk.

The boys and girls have worked hard to think about what they would like to look for in Edenfield, and on Thursday, they were able to put on their wellies and actually go and find these places and objects. The super spotters were able to find all sorts of things including: terraced houses, semi-detached houses, detached houses, bus stops, a telephone box, barbed wire, different shaped leaves and numbers everywhere! They all posted their special teddy letters into the big red letter box whilst out on their walk. I am sure that the postman will be very impressed with the beautifully written addresses on the front of the envelopes! Everyone is very excited about receiving their letters through the post during the course of the week.

Back in class, the children worked hard to remember and draw what they saw, in order to create our very own class map of Edenfield. They learnt that people who draw maps are called cartographers. We put the word cartographer on our 'New Learning' board, and decided that we have twenty-five fantastic cartographers in Class Reception!

During ***Fabulous Phonics***, the children have been practising blending and segmenting sounds in order to read and spell simple words. They have been playing lots of games during the phonics sessions to help them develop these important skills.

Come and See and Rainbow Day Reminder

On Tuesday 18th October at 1.30pm, we will be holding our first 'Come and See' session of the year. If you wish to attend this session, please sign in at the main entrance on arrival at school. The children will present some of the topics explored so far this term and there will be an opportunity to engage in a range of activities with your child. Please do not worry if you cannot attend due to other commitments. We always ensure that all children have the opportunity to work with an adult. On this day, we will also be celebrating the achievement of everyone in Class Reception for filling their marble jar. The children achieve marbles collectively as a reward for positive behaviour demonstrated by the whole class. This term, for example, the children have received cubes for fantastic tidying, super listening on the carpet and caring behaviour during ***Chatter Time***.

In recognition of this wonderful achievement and to celebrate the fantastic range of personalities and people in Class Reception, we will also be having a 'Rainbow Party' on Tuesday 18th October. On the day, children can come to school dressed in their favourite colour. During the day, the children will take part in the 'Come and See' presentation and activities that celebrate their own and others' individuality

Parents' Evening

I have now allocated appointments for Parent's Evening, using Microsoft TEAMS. You should have received an email inviting you to a meeting on either Monday 17th or Tuesday 18th October. You do not need to download anything; you just need to click on the link at the time of the appointment.

Homework

Last week, the children did a great job of drawing and talking about their houses. This week, I would like the children to complete the 'In My House' activity, drawing pictures of the people with whom they live. I would like the houses to be sent back to school without being stuck into 'Learning Diaries' so that they can be shared at ***Snack and Chat*** time, and then displayed in our classroom.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Hope

