

Dear Parents,

What we have enjoyed this week ...

This week, we have been thinking about houses and homes. The children have worked hard to learn the names of different types of houses. We put all the different house names on our 'Ding, Ding, New Learning' board which you will find a copy of in your child's learning diary.

The boys and girls have enjoyed creating different types of houses using Lego, playdough, paints and colours during exploration time. They were even able to use their bodies to create different kinds of houses in PE. Working as a team, they listened to the instructions and were able to make the right shape and find the right number of friends to become a bungalow, block of flats, semi-detached, detached and even terraced houses. They were brilliant!

On Monday, shared the story 'In Every House on Every Street', by Jess Hitchman. The book tells the story of a home, and how every room has a special purpose where joy and love are shared. The children thought carefully about what they enjoyed doing in the different rooms in their houses. We decided to add a living area to the home corner, complete with a cardboard box television on which there have been some interesting shows produced and performed by the children!

During Mrs Ashworth's Magical Story Time, the children listened to a story called 'Our House'. Later in the morning, the children thought about the materials with which they would like to make their own model houses. They worked in different groups to build a houses from different materials, including Lego, cardboard, sand and outdoor building resources. Everybody did a great job.

Today, the boys and girls did a super job of performing their special song about Planet Earth and how they can all work together to keep it healthy and beautiful. Both Mrs Morris and I are very proud of the children on their very first visit to church with the whole school.

Edenfield I-Spy Walk Reminder

On Thursday 13th October, Class Reception will be going on an 'Edenfield I-Spy walk'. During this exciting activity, your child will have the opportunity to spot lots of different objects, numbers and landmarks around Edenfield. They will also post a letter to themselves as part of learning about how letters work. For this activity to be possible, a donation of a second class stamp would be much appreciated. If you have not already done so, please send a second class stamp into school as soon as possible.

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' 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

Homework

As we have been talking about houses and homes, for homework, I would like the children to have a go at drawing their own house for homework. I would like them to think about the type of house they need to draw. We have also been thinking about the new learning word 'neighbour', and so, I would like the children to think about if they have any neighbours and who they are. They can record what they find on the homework sheet in their wallet.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Hope

