



Friday 7th January

We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year holiday and were able to spend some time with your families. The children have come back to school incredibly settled and very keen to get back into their learning.

This week we have been talking about Bromsgrove and our local area. The children have been telling us about the things that they like doing here, Sanders Park is very popular!

Next week we will be widening our area of interest and talking about Great Britain. If you have some photos of your child in different areas of Great Britain on trips and holidays then it would be lovely if you could share as an observation on Tapestry please. For our new topic this term please go to our class page on the school website: https://www.meadowsfirst.co.uk/images/image_gallery/large/1641375083.pdf

Phonics

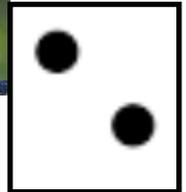
Next week we will begin to introduce our next new sounds. These will be a selection of digraphs and tri-graphs (2 or 3 letters that make one sound). These can be really difficult for many of the children to remember, so your support at home really is important. The sounds next week are ai, ee, igh and oa. Each sound will have a catch phrase to support it and these are included below.

Reading

Please continue to support your child be hearing them at home. If possible please share each book 3 times before sending back to school to be changed on Fridays. We hear the children read in school regularly too, both in groups and individually.

Mathematics

We have been consolidating the children's subitising skills this week. Subitising is being able to recognise the quantity in a small group without the need to count. The children have been describing the visual arrangement of how many are in each group to really demonstrate how deep their understanding is. Eg, 3 in a horizontal line, or 2 diagonally as in these pictures.



P.E. and Forest School

The next Forest School sessions will be on Tuesday 11th January for Goslings and Friday 14th January for Cygnets.

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Please make sure earrings are taken out, hair is tied back and that your child has shoes that they can put on and take off independently (NO LACES PLEASE).

Your child is welcome to bring in hats and gloves to school on cold days. Please make sure that they can put them on independently and that every single item is individually labelled. We encourage the children to be responsible for their own possessions, by finding their name on them. It is helpful if gloves/mittens are attached to coats using ribbons/ elastic etc.

If your child needs to take medicine during the day please can you take it to the office before school, as it needs to be signed for. Thank you



tail in the rain

ai



sheep in a jeep

ee



a light in the night

igh



soap that goat

oa