

Oak Lodge EYFS Weekly News

Summer Term 1 - Week Ending 7.5.21

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fast and busy week! The children are really enjoying our Under the Sea topic and have loved learning about sharks this week. I hope that you get a chance to see all of the beautiful creations that your children are making and how wonderful the classrooms look at the minute!

It has been lovely to speak to so many of you in our parent consultation time and tell you about your child's development at school. It will be important to work on targets your child has been given at home as well as at school and continue these into the summer holidays so that your child begins Year 1 at a similar level to which they leave EYFS.

We have sent home a challenge book this week. It is a homework book to record the challenge at the bottom of each newsletter. We will collect it in every Wednesday and hand back on the Friday for your child to complete their new challenge. Please encourage your child to write in pencil and colour using pencils also. This will reinforce the pencil grip needed and help them to focus on their cursive handwriting. They can practise writing sounds, words and numbers in here also. Please keep the book neat and tidy.

Inside the challenge book you will find sheets to help your child. We have sent home the phonics that your child needs to work on, hf words, handwriting practise, a number line to 20, a one hundred square and common exception words for each phase. These are all resources to support your child's learning.

Many thanks from the EYFS team

Prime Areas

C&L: We have been communicating our knowledge of sharks by practising giving answers in full sentences.

PD: The children have been throwing and catching and using objects to balance and catch.

Fine motor: We have been threading, making mermaid necklaces to help develop our writing muscles!

PSED: We have been encouraging children in groups outside to play cooperation games such as playing in our pirate ship and making their own boats and under the sea creatures.

Specific Areas

Literacy: This week we have read 'Surprising Sharks'. This is a non-fiction book with lots of facts about all of the different species of shark. The children have loved learning about all of the different types of shark.

Phonics: We are spending time recapping phase 3 phonics. Please practise the following HF words - all, are, they.

Maths: The children have been revisiting doubling and how to record this. Also, we have used worded problems.

EAD: On the creative table the children have been making a shark silhouette scene using blue paint and a black shark.

UW: The children have been learning about sea creatures and why we need to look after our oceans.

Weekly Challenge

Research an interesting species of shark, such as the Hammerhead shark, the Dwarf Lantern Shark or the Lemon shark - there are over 400 different kinds! Write some sentences about what you found out. (Please make sure that your child is using their phonic knowledge to sound out each word and also write hf words correctly.)