



GOLD CLASS Weekly Newsletter

Gold Class
St Anne's Royton

Summer Term 2
Week 3
21/06/19

Dear Parents,

This week we have been learning:

We have been ordering the life cycle of a butterfly, starting with egg, then caterpillar, then cocoon, then butterfly. We have been looking carefully at our caterpillars as they get bigger, we can see the old skin which they have shed and some of them have attached themselves to the top of the lid, ready to turn into a cocoon.

During our forest schools activity, we returned to our 'Mini-Beast Hotel' which we built last week. Already, many mini-beasts have moved in! We found, snails, slugs, woodlice, spiders, millipedes and centipedes. We took magnifying glasses with us so that we could look at them close up.

The children have been working on number problems. We have said that a 'problem' is something which you really have to think about. We worked on number problems in a practical way, using food items. Some examples are, "I have 4 apples in my fridge, if I eat 2 of them, how many are left?" "I have 2 bottles of milk and 4 bottles of orange juice, how many bottles altogether?" We then talk about the problem using mathematical language, "So 4 apples, take away 2 apples is 2 apples", "2 bottles add 4 bottles is/equals 6 bottles". A few children are working on harder problems, such as "I want to bake a cake, I have 2 eggs in my fridge, but I need 6, how many more do I need to buy?" This one needed a lot of thinking about!

Homework

Literacy Please share the story which your child has chosen from our book box.

Phonics Continue to revise the sounds covered so far. This week the children have learnt the sounds th, z and ch. We have sent them home for you to practice along with an initial sounds sheet for your child to complete.

Mathematics Try working on number problems with your child using equipment at home, I have 2 cups on the side and 2 on the table, how many altogether. I have 5 apples but there are only 4 of us, what do I need to do? (Put one back).

Talk Homework Talk to your child about the changes in our caterpillars and relate it to how they are growing and changing, e.g. getting bigger and soon will be ready to leave Nursery and move on to a new class.

Physical development

PE will be on a Monday each week.

Class Website

To see what we will be learning about in class this year and other information such as PE kits etc, please visit our school website <http://www.stannesroyton.oldham.sch.uk/> and navigate towards the Gold Class tab. Weekly newsletters are also archived here. There is also a calendar of events on the website. If you do not have internet access or cannot use this website for any reason then please come and see me.

Next week we will be learning:

The children will be introduced to the final letter sounds which we will cover in Nursery – qu and x. We will continue with our number problem work and the children will order their own life cycle to go in their learning journey.

If you have anything you need to speak to me about or any issues at all then please feel free to make an appointment with the office to come and see me any morning or night after school or give me a call at these times. Our door is always open so if you want to see the work your child has been doing then feel free to make an appointment to pop in.

Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Russell.