



RED CLASS Weekly Newsletter

Red Class
St Anne's Royton

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LEARNING THROUGH STORIES

We love books and stories! Books are an amazing way to capture children's imagination. Stories help children to discover new worlds, new opinions, as well as helping them learn more about the world around them. Much of our learning is based around books, and each week we carefully choose a particular book, story or poem to support our learning focus. Next week we are reading 'Owl Babies', by Martin Waddle. We hope that you all enjoy reading stories at home too. There are some tips from the Book Trust on sharing stories below.

Dear Parents,

This week we have been learning:

We are so proud of how well the children performed during their first class assembly this week! We have been finding out more about people who help us within school and the different types of jobs that they each do. In Literacy we have been practising our rhyming words and have been writing rhyming strings. In maths the children have been finding 'missing' numbers. We have been ordering numbers 1 to 20 and have begun to 'prove it' - explain our answer and how we know it.

Homework (handed out on a Friday and due in the following Wednesday)

Tell us about your favourite story! There is a sheet in your child's homework book and some tips below to support this. Please read with your child as often as you can. Sharing your child's reading book for 10 minutes each day really makes such a difference to their reading development.

Next week we will be learning:

We will be finding out about native birds and what animals need to have in their habitats. The children will be watching footage of birds making nests, and of young fledglings in a nest. We will be using our observational skills to draw birds and feathers using chalks and oil pastels. On Friday we will be taking part in the RSPB Birdwatch. There is more information about this below.

Talk Homework

Should we always expect things to go our way? How should we behave when times are not so good for ourselves? What should we learn from them?

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 Red 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.

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 Ratchford and Miss Ashton

P.S newsletter will be sent out each week and will include important dates and information.



Learning new words as you read

Helping your child learn the meaning of new words

Enjoying books is a good first step in learning to read.

To become good readers, children need to know letters and sounds but they also need to know what the words mean.

You can help your child to learn new words by using this bookmark and talking about new words as you read with your child.

Remember:

- Have fun with words.
- It is about talking as much as reading.
- When talking about words, use comments rather than questions.

**Word Aware
New Words**

These ideas can be used when you are reading and talking about books with your child.



Before you read the book, say, 'Let's look out for new words that you've never heard before.'



Once in a while, stop and ask, 'Did you hear any new words?'



If your child says 'Yes', talk about that word's meaning.

If your child says 'No', identify a word you think might be tricky. Talk about what the word means.



Tips for reading with children of any age

• Set aside some time

Find somewhere quiet without any distractions - turn off the TV/radio/computer.

• Ask your child to choose a book

Sharing books they have chosen shows you care what they think and that their opinion matters. This means they are more likely to engage with the book.

• Sit close together

Encourage your child to hold the book themselves and/or turn the pages.

• Point to the pictures

If there are illustrations, relate them to something your child knows. Ask them to describe the characters or situation or what will happen next. Encourage them to tell you the story by looking at the pictures.

• Encourage your child to talk about the book

Talking about the characters and their dilemmas helps children understand relationships and is an excellent way for you to get to know each other or discuss difficult issues. Give your child plenty of time to respond. Ask them what will happen next, how a character might be feeling or how the book makes them feel.

• And lastly, above all - make it fun!

It doesn't matter how you read with a child, as long as you both enjoy the time together. Don't be afraid to use funny voices - children love this!

Each year the RSPB collect evidence of the number and types of birds seen around the country. In Reception we will be looking for birds from our school grounds and collecting data to contribute towards this. The following website gives more information and some fun activities.

ww2.rspb.org.uk/discoverandenjoynature/discoverandlearn/schoolswatch

The children will be learning about the different types of birds we might see in Royton. Have a look out for these birds. How many can you spot?

You can tell us about any birds you spot at home and we will share these in class.



House Sparrow



Robin



Blackbird



Song Thrush



Blue Tit



Chaffinch



Starling



Magpie

We will be making some bird feeders to encourage some more birds to visit us ready for our bird watch on Friday. If you want to encourage more birds to your yard or garden then you can make a simple bird feeder at home using the recipe below.

Fruity Bird Feeders



Tasty treats for little beaks

You will need:

Oranges, Apples, Knife, String,
Mixed bird feed.

Little ones need help with this activity

Top Tip

Include cheese rind to attract Wrens,
Blackbirds and Robins!



- 1 Ask an adult to cut oranges into halves
- 2 Enjoy a glass of orange juice by squeezing the orange over a glass. Try to squeeze out as much of the juice as you can!
- 3 Ask an adult to make small holes on either side of the empty half peels
- 4 Cut a piece of string about 30cm long
- 5 Create a handle for your orange peel feeder by threading the end of the string into each of the holes of the orange peel and making a big knot to keep it secure
- 6 Fill your orange halves full of mixed bird feed
- 7 Hang your bird feed outside. Make sure it is nice and high for the birds to enjoy!

