



WEEK 10 - week beginning 9th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,



We have continued our learning with the colour monsters this week. We really love them! The children have written about what makes them a blue (sad) or yellow (happy) colour monster. They have been practicing how to use the phoneme mats to help them to find the letters (or graphemes) that they need. We have also been using the colour monsters to help the children to talk about how they are feeling and that it is ok to feel that way.

(Next week we will be learning about what we can do about those feelings, especially if we are angry, sad, or frightened) We have also been working together to create some giant colour monsters to share in a display with the rest of the school. In phonics we have continued segmenting words using sound talk. Try making a collection of simple objects and sound talk them. For example, p-e-g, d-o-g, c-a-t. Can your child work out which one it was?



In Maths we have used numicon to help us to count. We have practiced counting from different starting places and not always starting at 0 or 1. We can use number lines, our fingers, or put the number in our heads and count on. We have continued our learning about the colour monsters by comparing and measuring them using cubes. The children were encouraged to use mathematical language to describe the size of the colour monsters. For example, short, shorter, medium, longer, etc

What can you do to help?

- Measure items at home - compare to see which is the longest, shortest, tallest, etc. Tins and packets from the kitchen work well, or measure how many steps or hands larger items might be.
- You may find this game on crickweb early years helpful for talking about size- it's called "Compare and order" <http://www.crickweb.co.uk/Early-Years.html>
- Please can you help your child to practice using a knife and fork to cut their food, but also how to use them to pick up their food. We really would like them to avoid using their fingers at the best of times, and especially at the moment!
- Lots of parents, didn't realise that they could post their own observations on tapestry. Please do feel free to share your child's home learning. For example, some parents have shared their child's practicing of "nip, flip, grip" or name writing. Some parents have shared their cooking and art efforts or how they have been using "Song of Sounds" at home.

PS: Please check out the schools website for updates, especially a couple of videos which include a school tour, photos and interviews with some children. We have prepared them specifically for children and families starting school in Autumn 2021, but thought you might like to see them!

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Early Years team

