

# RECEPTION



18th October 2024

## My Happy Mind

This week, we completed the final lesson for the 'Meet Your Brain' sequence. The children discussed what our brain helps us to do and we sorted activities into 'things our brains help us with' or 'things our brains do not help us with.' The children sang the 'Happy Healthy Brain' song. We also listened to a positive affirmations song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1XYoduQMAjU> to repeat positive statements.

## Literacy

This week, we have been learning to recite the first page of the story 'Room on the Broom.' We drew symbols to represent different parts of the story and we added actions for each symbol to help us to remember it. The children have been amazing at remembering the story. We have posted the story map on SeeSaw- ask your child to recite the story for you. The children have drawn missing parts of the story map and have then innovated the story by changing parts of the story.

## Maths

In Maths this week, we have been looking at different amounts on five frames and ten frames. The children noticed that a ten frame is 2x five frames put together. We have been learning about odd and even numbers and used Numicon to help us see even numbers (grouped in twos) and odd numbers (1 extra on its own).

## Read Write Inc. (Phonics)

This week, we have learnt the sounds: j, v, y, w, z. We have been practising forming these letters as well. Please help your child to reinforce learning at home by watching the videos that we post on SeeSaw.



## Understanding the World (Past & present)

As part of our past and present topic, the children discussed how we have changed over time. We talked about the things that we can do now that we couldn't do when we were babies. We looked at baby photos and tried to guess who each baby was. We looked at the changes that have happened to our bodies (grown taller, longer hair etc). We even had a visit from a new 4 week old baby called Amelia. The children loved seeing the baby and asked lots of questions about the ways that a baby needs taking care of. We will now introduce a baby into our domestic role play area.

## Expressive Arts & Design

In Art this week, the children made their own spider by painting a black circle on a page and folding it in half to create a print for the spider's body. The children then cut 8 strips of black card for the legs and added some googly eyes.

## Understanding the World (The Natural World)

This week, the children have been learning about different types of weather. They discussed which type of weather they prefer and why. The children also started to record the weather on a weather chart. We will monitor the weather each day.

## Reminders:

- We break up on Friday 25th October for half term. We will return to school on Monday 4th November.
- Snack money is £1 a week. New term is a 7 week term so you may want to pay £7 for the full term. Thank you.

Thank you for your support! Mrs O'Keeffe & Miss Dutton  
Miss McGrath, Miss Glascott & Miss Ryan