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What have we been learning about in Year R this week?

It has been a busy week and well done to all of the Year Rs for a wonderful full week in school. They have settled in well and are learning the daily routines nicely. They have been introduced to our house point system and have been starting to earn house points and have also been introduced to daily monitors. The children are picked each day to become a monitor, either register, snack or door monitors. The children are all very keen about being a monitor!

Everybody should have received a letter sound pack in their book bags this week. Please could you practise the sounds with your child and also support them with reading short words like it, in, sat, using the sounds s,a,t,p,i,n. This will give them the practise to blend sounds to read short words. As the term progresses some children will be receiving reading books to read at home. They will be changed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays if they have been read at home.

The children have been busy painting their own self portraits this week. They have been exploring their own facial features and thinking about their eye colour and hair colour.

They have begun their phonics sessions and have been introduced to the letter sounds s,a and t. We have learnt the jolly phonics songs and actions for each letter and been thinking about initial sounds.

The children all had a wonderful time sharing their 'All About Me' bags with their peers. It was a lovely experience for them to share some of their special items from home and they all spoke passionately. Thank you for your effort in putting these bags together.

Next week:

We will be learning about 'our bodies'. We will be measuring how tall we are, looking at everybody's eye colour in the class to create a class pictogram and learning about our pets. The children will also be singing lots of nursery rhymes using our body parts.

We will be continuing our baseline assessments with the children, which is completed in a fun and active way.

Next Friday (24th) we are having a 'Spider Day'. This will be the beginning of our 'Minibeast' topic and introduction to our first core text 'Aaargh Spider'. There is nothing you need to prepare for this. We will be busy making lots of wonderful spider crafts in school on this day and having lots of 'spider' fun!

We hope you have a lovely weekend. Enjoy the rest.

The Year R team

