




Hampton College Primary Reception Newsletter w/e 8.10.21



<u>Continuous provision</u>	<u>Literacy</u>	<u>Maths</u>
<p>Playdoh has been incredibly popular this week – the children have been using mats to make faces, creating rainbows and mixing all the colours together to make brown! The children have been encouraged to roll, pat and pinch the playdoh as they manipulate it, enjoying talking about how this is making their muscles in their hands and fingers super strong.</p> <p>We have had a number of new buildings erected outside – the children have worked together to move the bricks and balance them at different heights to make different buildings.</p> <p>Inside the Green Apple classroom the children have been playing with the doll's house – lots of children have been telling us how excited they are that it is Halloween soon.</p>	<p>The children have continued to focus on listening to rhymes as we continue to consolidate our phase 1 knowledge and application. Having a strong foundation of hearing and distinguishing sounds is fundamental to children succeeding as we move through our phonics program. If you would like to support your child at home there are a selection of games you can play in the Documents section of Tapestry.</p> 	<p>This week we have been looking at the number 2 – the children have been enthused to double 1, practise their writing by forming the numeral and having a go at writing the word two.</p> <p>Some of the hood have been furthering their mathematical vocabulary as they try to explain how they know the answers to different questions. For example 'how can you make 2?' The children have enjoyed using whole, part, part models with different resources to show that 1 and 1 make 2.</p>
<u>Understanding the world</u>	<u>Expressive arts</u>	<u>Notes</u>
<p>We have been busy looking at how our plants in the outside area are growing, the children have been helping to weed, water and dead head a variety of different plants. This has lead not only to a number of conversations about what plants need to grow but also about the different spiders and worms we have found whilst we have been digging.</p>	<p>The children have enjoyed thinking about creating a window to their feelings, following on from reading 'the weather inside you' as the whole school promoted World Mental Health Day. This was the perfect opportunity for the children to demonstrate just how imaginative they are.</p> <p>Lots of children have been enjoying listening to different music to dance to – we have regular requests for music in the garden!</p>	<p>Monday 11th- we are planning on taking the children on a story walk to the woods at the back of school. Please ensure your children have footwear (wellies) and clothing (coats) as appropriate. Can we please ask that you don't talk to your child about this as we would like it to be a surprise!</p> <p>Tuesday 12th – The photographer from the Evening Telegraph is coming to school to photograph the Apple classes.</p> <p>Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th – Sustrans are providing our reception children with balance bike training, please ensure that you have returned the reply slip, if you wish for your child to take part.</p>