

Learning Journal 12.1.18

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all. Your children have made a good start to the term, coming back to school with a calm and hardworking approach and getting straight back into learning.

Our topic this term is 'People and Places' and we are looking at how we are all different and how life differs in different places around the world. We will be learning respect for people's beliefs and cultures and some geography about the different continents.

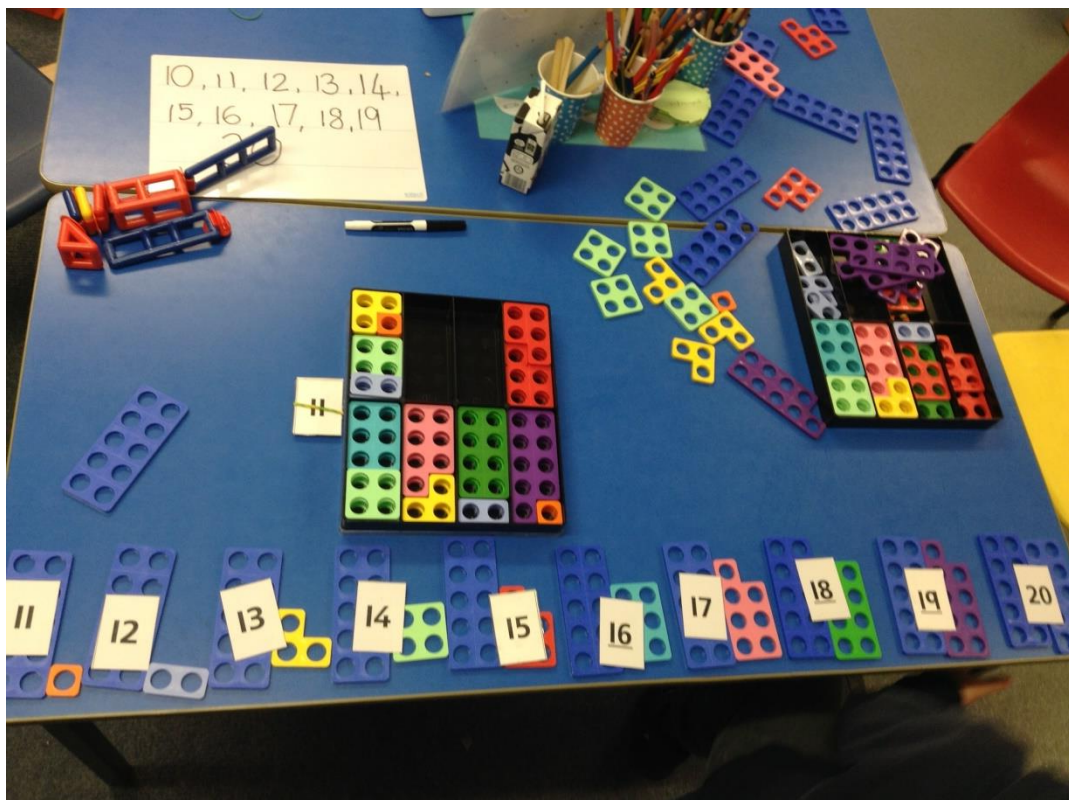
As always, we are starting from the children's own experiences and will be asking children to find out more about the people they know best..... their family and each other.

Literacy and Phonics

We have sent tricky words home with reception this week. Please practice these when you read with your child. They are sight words, so are not meant to be spelt out, but read immediately. Please return these to school every day so we can practise and change them if necessary.

We have started to read ditty books in phonics, which are short phonetic stories with a focus for writing in them. Your children are enjoying these and they support their writing well. Nursery children are following a scheme called Nursery Narratives which builds all their pre reading skills ready for reception. If you know any nursery rhymes, please sing them with your children as we use them a lot in this literacy work.

Mathematics -We are learning the days of the week and what happens on each day, by singing, drawing and writing. Some of reception had a look at teen numbers and how they work, and with a bit of practice learned how they were made of 10's and ones and how they went together. The rest of the class worked on ordering numbers to 10 and we have practised this in the classroom, outside and in PE.



Other news.....we finally got back to woodland workshop this week despite the cold and the dark. It was great to be out again and we braved the rain to enjoy a fab morning of tree climbing, exploring and collecting sticks. In RE, we are looking at Special Places and we made a very special place in our classroom where we can spend some quiet time.



Help at Home.....Try mixing up magnetic numbers, on the fridge, or number cards to see if your child can put them back in order. Sing nursery rhymes to your children and read traditional tales to help them build their knowledge of stories and rhymes.