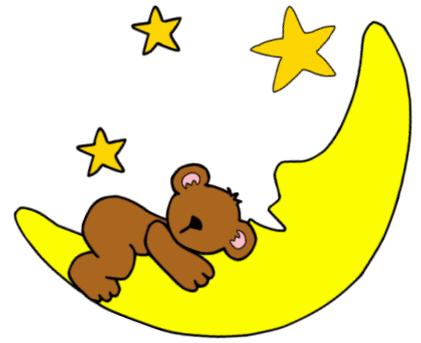


Kents Hill School Reception Newsletter



News

Reception children have had a fantastic first term in school and are looking forward to more successful terms ahead.

We are planning a fantastic 'WOW' experience for the children on January 24th where they will be able to explore light and dark for our topic 'What happens when I fall asleep'. A letter has already gone home about this event, please speak to a member of the team if you have any questions. Thank you to all the parents who have returned permission slips and volunteered to help already!

Reminders

PE kits - please make sure that your child has a NAMED PE kit at school. Our PE lessons are inside so children need shorts and a t-shirt.

Please can we remind parents/carers to bring extra clothing and wellies for their child and leave on their pegs.

Children all have the opportunity to contribute to our sharing circle on Thursdays. They might like to share something they have made at home, a photograph of somewhere they have visited, or just to talk about something they have done out of school.

Reading

We have noticed that only some of our children are reading regularly at home. These children are collecting lots of stickers and certificates and moving through the coloured book bands. If you are not a regular reader already, please make sure that you are reading with your child and recording in their reading record.

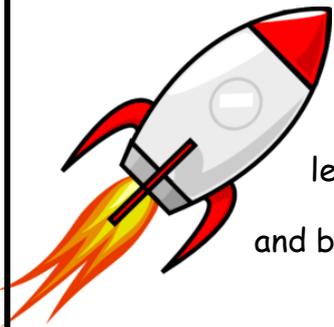
Please note that children are able to change their reading books every morning, please encourage them to do so.



What happens when I fall asleep?



What happens when I fall asleep? Where does the sun go at night? Who helps us at night? Why do I need to rest? Which animals are awake in the night? We will be exploring these questions and more in our new project about sleep and what goes on in the world around us while we are fast asleep. We will closely differentiate between night and day, how we change and grow during sleep and the importance of health and self-care. Reception children will have a chance to cook again this half-term. Children will create 'star' shaped healthy pizzas that will be served with a side of houmous, carrots and cucumber sticks. Cooking really helps children develop their co-ordination and fine motor skills as well as their use of senses and understanding of healthy living. So we will encourage them to smell and feel the ingredients, allow them to mix, beat, shake, pour, roll and cut ingredients to enhance their development.



Throughout the year, all topic activities are linked to all areas of learning as well as the characteristics of learning to ensure a broad and balanced curriculum for the children.

Things you could do at home...

- Create a spaceship or rocket!!!
- Create a poster of your favourite nocturnal animal
- Record or take photos of your morning or night time routine
- Research people who help us at night
- What does your body do when you fall asleep?