

Early Years Newsletter



Don't forget to sign up for the afternoon or morning Christmas performance with Mrs strong during drop off or pick up times.



We have enjoyed our mini topic based around the children's interests in dragons and fairy tales. It has formed the basis of some lovely work in writing. Children have been interested in looking at different types of dragons and have drawn their own pet dragon at school ready to help with a writing profile next week.

One story we have used this week has been 'The Dragon Machine'. You can find the photo story of the text here - <http://www.literacyshed.com/the-photostory-shed.html>

If you would like to record what your child thinks about the story, we would love to include this in the journals as evidence towards reading.

And if your child likes the thought of designing their own dragon you can find a 'How to Draw a Dragon' video here-

<http://www.literacyshed.com/the-lynn-chapman-shed.html>

They could even make a Lego model of their design.



We have been looking at 2D shapes all around us and even learning some interesting new names such as pentagon, octagon and even a heptagon.

Send us in some pictures of your own shape hunt out and about this weekend.



We have started a series of wonderful maths games to help children to develop and strengthen their number skills. We are using basic open ended board games to help children understand number, recognise the number of dice dots and move forwards and backwards.

Get those snakes and ladders games out this weekend and see

<http://www.teachingyourchild.org.uk/maths.htm>

for some other tips to help during the year.



These are all suggested ideas to support your child at home. Please do not feel that you have to **use all** of these ideas on a weekly basis.



Many children are having difficulty handling knives and forks at lunch time. We are teaching them the right way to hold them so they can cut their food and would love your support at home.