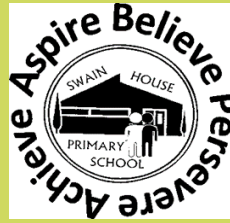


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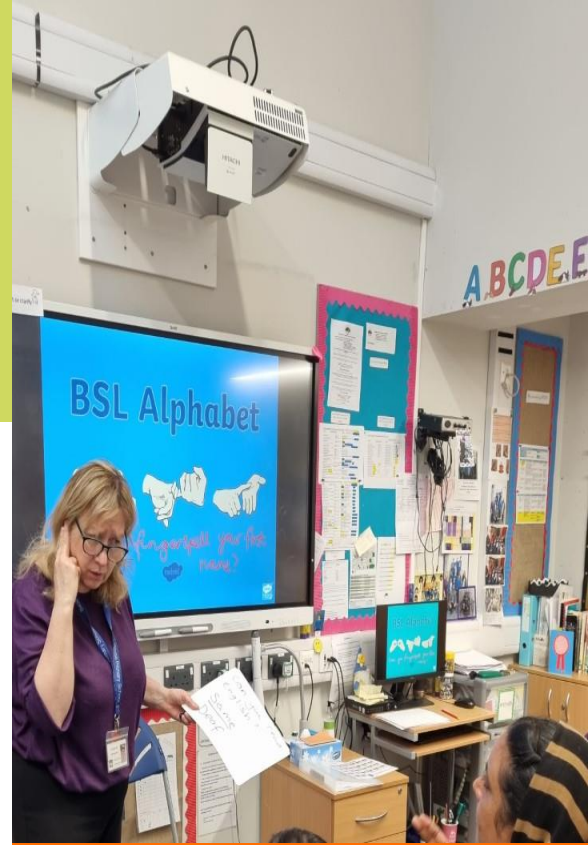


Resourced Provision Newsletter

22/10/2024

The Colour Monster

Hellen Keller group have really enjoyed starting the year off with their new book *The Colour Monster*. They have loved learning about the different emotions in the book and how those emotions make them feel. They have created their own monsters and thought about what causes them to feel these emotions.



The parents who attend BSL classes are ready to do their last and final Exam

We all are very excited for them to pass to receive their certificates. They all have been working very hard towards achieving their Level 1 in British Sign Language.

Level 2 will be starting in the new year and the dates will be sent out to you all to come and join the classes.

Good Luck to all the parents for the 103 Exam.

“Our vision is to provide high quality support for all Bradford children and young people using a collaborative approach through transformational learning experiences so that they can flourish and make excellent holistic progress and successfully transition to responsible citizens”

Learning about pet animals

The children have been studying pet animals of all kinds in BSL. The RP visited the Pets at Home to see the animals and learn about their diet and sleeping arrangements. They observed the animals' favourite activities. They saw the toys the animals enjoyed using. Each child had a turn feeding the fish in the aquariums. They then went to the Morrisons Café and purchased drinks for themselves so they could sit and talk.



They also went to Hope Pasture Sanctuary and saw the donkeys and horses who live there.

The staff explained how they helped to keep the donkeys and horses safe and the children were allowed to feed them at the end of the session



DOGS TRUST

This half-term, Resourced Provision received a visit from Dogs Trust. The lady came and provided lots of information about how the dogs are taught from birth to assist the Deaf. The dogs are trained to react to certain sounds—such as the smoke alarm, doorbell, telephone, baby cry, and alarm clock—that hearing people frequently take for granted. Instead of barking, the dogs use their paws to attract the deaf person's attention and then guide them back to the source of the sound. The kids loved learning about the dogs and had many questions.

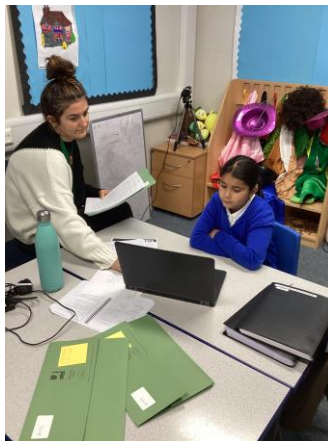


Life Skills

The children in the Resourced Provision enjoyed their lesson in life skills in the food and technology room. They baked shortbread biscuits. They took turns and supported each other in weighing and measuring the ingredients.



Swain House had researchers come from The University of London to carry out a study on the development of reading skills in hearing and deaf children. Some of our RP year 4 and 5 took part in the study. The children took part in the research over 3 days and did a great job.



How do reading skills develop in middle childhood?



Researchers at University College London (UCL) are conducting an exciting research study called "Understanding Reading Success" and we are looking for new schools to participate.

We aim to understand how children's reading skills develop in middle childhood (Key Stage 2).



Why is this research important?

Reading outcomes vary widely, and we want to understand which language and cognitive factors enable both deaf and hearing children to become successful readers. We want to find out why some children do well in reading in Key Stage 1 but then start to struggle in Key Stage 2, while others make good reading progress throughout school.

What will happen if your school takes part?

If children in your school take part in the project, we will assess them on a range of tasks that measure language, reading and cognitive skills. This will be done over 3 or 4 sessions which last about 20-30 mins each. All assessments are child-friendly, age-appropriate and fun for children to complete. We will re-test children again in year 5 and in year 6.



The half term holidays start on Thursday 24th October 2024
School will re-open on Monday 4th of November 2024

We hope you have a good break.