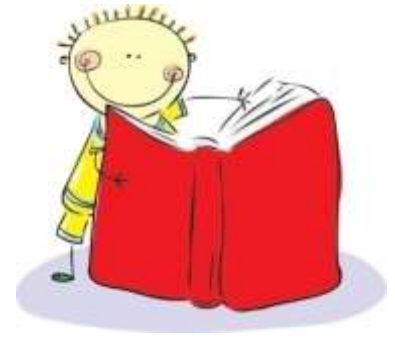


Reception Newsletter

Friday 17th January 2025

In phonics this week the children revised sounds already learnt- **ai (tail in the rain), ee (sheep in a jeep), igh (a light in the night) and oa (soap that goat)**. They also focused on recognising and reading the following new graphemes this week: **oo (zoom to the moon), oo (hook a book), ar (march in the dark) and or (born with a horn)**. The children have been sorting words with both 'oo' sounds in and they have been practising reading and writing words with all the new sounds in. We have also learnt the new Tricky Words: was, you and they. I have sent these words home so the children can have a go at recognising them and start reading them fluently. Please keep reading through the previous Tricky Words sent home too in previous weeks, many thanks.



In our maths sessions this week the children have been practising counting to 20, and they have been focusing on calculating with numbers to 5. The children have been practising their subitising skills and using 5 frames to support their understanding of numbers. We have played various games such as knocking down skittles and recording how many points we have scored.

Thank you so much for all the lovely exotic fruits which the children brought in this week! We had great fun sampling the different fruits and finding out where in the world they came from. The children really enjoyed looking at maps of the world and learning about different continents and countries and discovering which fruits grow there. The children were great at having a go at trying the different fruits and lots of them have discovered new fruits they would like to try again at home; dragonfruit was particularly popular! We carried out a class survey and recorded our results in a tally chart to see which fruit was most popular.

Also, as part of our 'Keeping Healthy' topic, the children created healthy dinner plates, they drew the different exotic fruits they brought into school and sorted plastic food into the different food groups. The children have shown a great understanding of healthy eating – great job!



As we have been thinking about our 'Keeping Healthy' topic this week and discussing how we need to eat 5 pieces of fruit and vegetables each day, I have enclosed a 'Fruit and Veg' chart for the children which they can use at home if they wish. There is a sixth box for a bonus piece of fruit or veg if they manage to eat more than five in a day! I will also send an electronic copy too with the newsletter in case the children want to keep this up for more than a week. They have shown a great interest in what can be included in their 5 a day and this may be a nice way for them to think about what they are eating at school and at home.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Dale