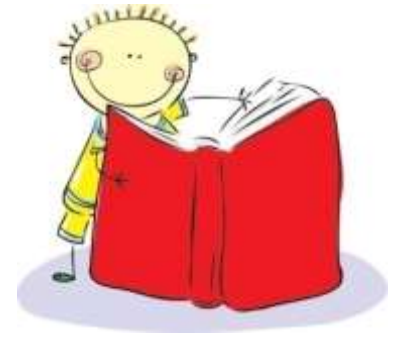


Reception Newsletter

Friday 24th January 2025

In our phonics sessions this week the children have been revising digraphs and trigraphs previously learnt and we have been practising writing these graphemes and adding the sound buttons to words. The children have also learnt a number of new sounds this week: **ur (curl the fur), ow (wow owl), oi (boing, boing) and ear (get near to hear).**



The children have also learnt the following Tricky Words:

my, by and all. I will provide copies of these words for you, please regularly practise reading the Tricky Words at home. We also reviewed the following Tricky Words: was, you, they and into. The children had a go at writing these ones too! It would be great if you could focus on these words at home too.

In our maths sessions this week the children have been practising counting to 20, and we have continued to focus on calculating with numbers to 5. The children have explored mass and weighing items using a bucket balance. They had great fun finding different items in the classroom to weigh and compare; discovering which items were heavier and lighter than each other.

As we have been thinking about our 'Keeping Healthy' topic again this week, oral hygiene in particular, I have attached a tooth brushing chart the children may like to use at home. We discussed the importance of keeping our teeth healthy and we discussed what happens when we visit the dentist - all the children are eager for their next check up!

The children have been enjoying our PE lessons this term; we have been focusing on indoor circuits. The children have practised their throwing and catching skills, agility and they have focused on balance and co-ordination. The children have been throwing bean bags into hoops from different distances, balancing beanbags on their heads and balancing on benches, as well as improving their stamina for running by playing different various games.

In RE this term we have been reading stories from the New Testament such as 'Jesus and his Disciples' where the children found out about the Disciples and how they are Jesus' special friends and helped him spread the word of God. We have also read the story of 'Zaccheus' and thought about what a sin is and how important it is to forgive each other when we are sorry for doing something wrong.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Dale