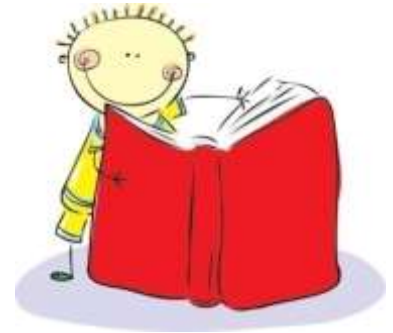


Reception Newsletter

Friday 23rd May 2025

In phonics this week the children have been reading Phase 4 words and reviewing reading words containing previous sounds learnt. We have reviewed reading words with 'ing' endings such as swimming, snapping and twisting. We have also focused on reading words ending with 'ed' such as: bumped, jumped, smashed and cracked. Sometimes it sounds like a 't' at the end, but it is the digraph (ed). We also read words such as melted, grunted and trusted and discussed how there is 'ed' at the end even though it sounds more like the 'e' makes an 'i' sound. The children have also learnt to read longer words ending in 'est' such as: plumpest, strongest and swiftest. The children have learnt two more new Tricky Words this week (today and out), I have provided you with a copy which you can find in your child's contact book. Please do practise all the Tricky Words at home please. The children have to learn to read them fluently, to read them on sight, so regular practise at home will help a lot, many thanks.



In maths this week the children have been focusing on odd and even numbers and doubling; we have been using Numicon to help us with this. The children have been learning to subtract and use their knowledge of number pairs to discover how many objects have been taken away from the original group of objects.

The children have loved our new mini topic of 'Amazing Eggs' this week where they have learnt about different animals that lay eggs. The children have been writing about animals that lay eggs – I have been super impressed with the beautiful writing, I can see our handwriting practice is paying off! Well done children! We had a special visitor this week, Herman the tortoise! The children loved meeting the tortoise, stroking the shell and feeding it lettuce!



Sadly, our chicks did not hatch this year. The children are very sad about this as we have been learning about the chicks all term and they have been excitedly waiting for hatching day! We have discussed how this does sometimes happen in the circle of life, not all chicks develop and not all of them hatch. We are so sorry that the chicks did not hatch.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing the children when we are back.

Best wishes,

Miss Dale