



Reception Newsletter

Friday 22nd October 2021

I cannot believe we have reached the end of the first term! The children have settled into school and routines really well and they deserve a good rest over half term. I am really proud of all of them, they have been amazing little stars this term!



In phonics this week we have focused on e, u, r, and ck (as in 'ck' at the end of the word ie duck, luck) which is a digraph and the children know that means it is two letters that join together to make one sound. When we use our sound buttons the children know the sound is represented as a sausage (a dash under both letters to show the one sound). If you were unable to attend the Phonics Evening the other week, the recording is available on Teams for you to watch to help understand how we teach phonics/reading at school. The children have practised forming these letters on whiteboards and played various games which helps them to recognise the initial sounds we have learnt in words. We have been practising decoding and blending skills with the children as this can be rather tricky.

In our maths sessions this week the children have focused on counting up to and past 20. We have also enjoyed singing lots of different number songs such as Five Little Speckled Frogs, Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer, 10 Green Bottles, Once I Caught a Fish Alive etc. The children have completed maths activities using dominoes this week. The children counted the spots on dominoes and matched them to the correct numeral.

The children absolutely loved their first Woodland Learning session. I have attached some photos for you to see. We played hide and seek and went on a bear hunt in the woods after reading "We're Going on a Bear Hunt." The children enjoyed playing in the Mud Kitchen, digging and going on the swings. It was a great morning of fun and creativity!

I hope you all have a lovely half term!

Thanks for your support,

Miss Dale