



Reception Newsletter

Friday 20th October 2023

I cannot believe we have reached the end of the first term! The children have settled into school and new 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 the following new sounds: h, b, f and l. 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. The children now know the following Tricky Words: is, I and the.

In our maths sessions this week the children have focused on counting up to 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 and many more! The children have completed maths activities using dominoes this week. The children counted the spots on dominoes and matched them to the correct numeral. We have also looked at the number formation on dice. When you next play a board game with your child, see if they can say the number on the dice without counting the spots.

This week the children have been making clay snowmen which will be ready in time for Christmas. They loved using the clay and are looking forward to decorating their snowmen when they come back from the kiln.





The children absolutely loved their first Woodland Learning session. I have attached some photos for you to see below. 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 loved hunting for our classroom bears who had escaped in the woodland! The children also enjoyed exploring the wood and engaging in Woodland Learning activities such as playing in the Mud Kitchen, digging in the mud, building and going on the swings. It was a great morning of fun and creativity!

A massive thank you to all my chicken helpers, I really do appreciate you looking after the chickens. 😊

It has been a great term, lots of lovely learning and fun! I look forward to Term 2!

I am very pleased to tell you that we have appointed Mrs Julia McKiernan to teach the class during my maternity leave. Mrs McKiernan is an experienced Reception Class teacher and is very excited to be joining us to teach your lovely children! I know that the class will have a wonderful time with her. Mrs McKiernan and I are planning lots of time together to ensure a smooth transition, and we intend to be in class together during the first week after the Christmas holiday.

I hope you all have a lovely half term! The children certainly deserve a good rest!

Thanks for all your support!

Miss Dale



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