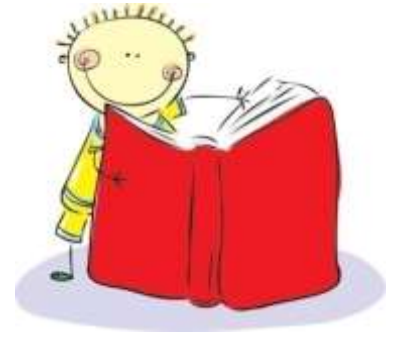


Reception Newsletter

Friday 23rd February 2024

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely half term break. The children have come back, settled into school life and routines once again and have been very enthusiastic about their learning this week!



In phonics this week, the children have been revising digraphs and trigraphs previously learnt. The focus this week has been on reading longer words such as carpark, farmyard, laptop, carpet and rocket. To help the children break down these longer words (which we call chunking) we clap out each syllable and then focus on sounding out the sounds in the first syllable and then doing the same with the second syllable. The children use this method to help them write longer words too.

In maths this week the children have been thinking about the composition of numbers to 10 as '5 and a bit'; for example 7 is 5 and 2, 9 is 5 and 4. The children also focused on the language shortest and longest and tallest and shortest this week. They have ordered items according to their length and measured them using cubes and then they compared lengths.

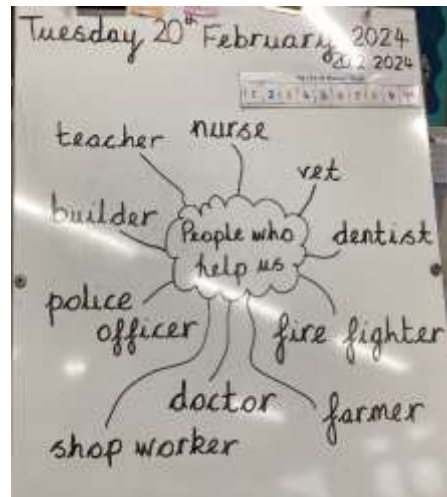
We also focused on 'Time' this week and the children had great fun completing a range of challenges in one minute! They then thought about how one minute is a short amount of time as they could not complete much in that time!

The children enjoyed sharing their holiday news about what they had been doing over the half-term break. It's lovely to see how all are gaining confidence in talking in front of the whole class and in sharing their ideas! It was also great to see their growing independence when they were asked to write a sentence about their favourite part of their week.

The children enjoyed learning about Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday this week and we talked about the significance of Lent. We made a Reception class Lent paperchain of things we would either give up or take up for 40 days, with everyone contributing their own promise on a link of it. You will be pleased to hear that many children have decided they will be more helpful at home, with lots of promises to keep bedrooms clean and tidy!

In PSHE this week we have started a new topic all about the people who help us in our community. The children did a great job in putting together a list of those people and we will be concentrating in greater depth on some of those jobs over the next couple of weeks.

Finally, the children would like to invite mums into school (or another important lady in their life if mums cannot come) on **Friday 8th March at 2.30pm** for our Mothering Sunday Presentation in the hall.



Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs McKiernan