



Reception Newsletter

Friday 3rd November 2023

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a lovely half term break and the children feel rested and ready for another busy term at school.



In phonics this week we have been revising sounds already learnt and have practised forming the following letters: f, l, s and j in our cursive handwriting script.

The children have been learning more digraphs this week (two letters, one sound) in particular, digraphs that will often appear at the end of the word such as ff, ll and ss in words such as puff, hill and kiss. The children also learnt the new sound 'j' and discovered objects which begin with a j sound. We have also practised decoding and blending skills by playing games and reading words together. The children have learnt the following Tricky Words this week: put, pull, full and as. We reviewed the previous Tricky Words taught last term too (is, the and I) so I have sent hard copies of these Tricky Words home so you can practise them at home with your children. Tricky Words are the words which children need to learn to read fluently as the phonemes do not make their usual sounds in these words. Please cut out the words and use them as flash cards with your children to help them become more familiar with these words and eventually they will be able to read them on sight. If the children do not know the word, don't worry, they are tricky to learn, show them the word and read it to them and use it in a sentence so the word has meaning to them.

In our maths sessions this week the children have focused on understanding what a number is, for example 1 and another 1 is 2, 1 and another 1 and another 1 is 3. We have also focused on recognising numbers to 10 out of sequence and counting up to 10 things that cannot be moved such as spots on a ladybird – the children loved playing ladybird bingo!

This week the children have been thinking about how to stay safe in PSHE and we have started the new puzzle piece 'Celebrating Differences.' We have been sharing the 'Pants' rule using the NSPCC website, which is fantastic and very child friendly. I have added the link below for your information. It has a lovely song that we listened to and we discussed the 'Pants' rules.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>



The children have been learning about Armistice Day this week in preparation for next week. We discussed why we buy poppies and the children made their own poppies out of paper plates, paint and their hands to create the leaves! We are going to use them to create a poppy wreath and display them in our classroom.

Thanks for your continued support. Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

Miss Dale