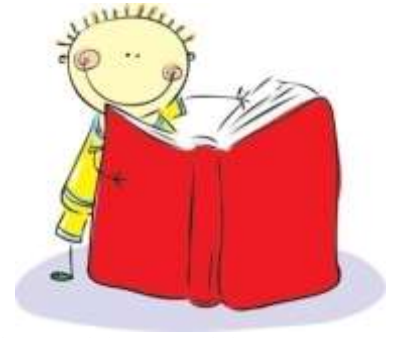


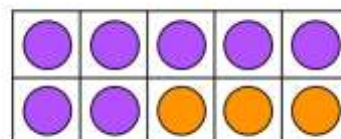
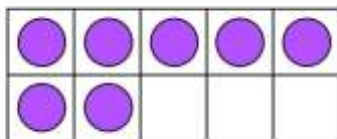
# Reception Newsletter

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

In phonics this week, the children have been revising digraphs and trigraphs previously learnt. We have focused on the following sounds along with their catchphrase: er (a bigger digger) and air (chair in the air). The children have been reading various words with these sounds in. We have also reviewed double letters (also known as digraphs) in words this week such as: bb in rabbit, gg in bigger, mm in hammer and nn in cannot. The children are becoming more confident using their phonic knowledge to decode and blend longer words such as these. Longer words with two or three syllables have also been a focus this week. The children clap out each syllable in the word and then we focus on decoding the sounds in each syllable before blending them altogether to read the word. The children know this as 'chunking'. Here are some of the words the children have been learning: laptop, fantastic and corner.



In maths this week the children have been continued with the phase 'Building 9 and 10.' The children have been recognising numbers to 10 and adding two small amounts totalling up to 10 as they played bingo. The children are becoming more familiar with a ten frame and used ten frames this week to carry out subtraction calculations. The children started with 10 counters in their ten frame and then rolled a dice, took that many counters away to find the answer to the subtraction and see how many counters were left on the ten frame. We are also starting to use the ten frames to visualise number bonds to 10, as you can see below. There are 7 purple counters and 3 orange counters, so 7 and 3 make 10.



Although World Book Day was yesterday, we have been celebrating all week! The children have been sharing their favourite books with friends and we have buddied up with year 3 and 4 children to have some fantastic shared

reading sessions. Book day was the highlight though and the children's costumes were fabulous! The children joined the rest of the school in the hall to celebrate and we also had the opportunity to make bookmarks and posters for recommendations of our favourite books to go in our book corner.

We have had a very creative and arty week, preparing for the Mothering Sunday presentation. The children thought very carefully about the colours and detail they added to the portraits they created and, I'm sure you agree, that the pots of tulips look fabulous too! The children also enjoyed learning the songs and the spoken pieces about their mums – their loud, clear voices and confidence in performing have really impressed me! We hope you enjoyed it too.

Have a lovely weekend and Happy Mothering Sunday!

Mrs McKiernan

## Book Week

