

Reception Newsletter

Friday 10th January 2025

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas and a lovely break!

The children have been absolutely fantastic this week and it has been so lovely to get to know the children, they have adapted so well to a change of teacher. They have settled back into school so well after the break. It was lovely to meet you with Mrs McKiernan at parents evening last term and I look forward to working with you and your lovely children over the course of this year.



On a Monday Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Millar will be covering Reception as I do not work on Mondays. I will be planning all activities for the class. When I am out of class for PPA and Leadership time Mrs Millar or Mrs Brown will be covering with Mrs Mitchell to ensure consistency for the children. Mrs Mitchell or the office will pass on any messages to me when I am not in class on the Monday.

In phonics this week the children revised sounds already learnt (Phase 2) and focused on recognising and reading the following graphemes from Phase 3 which we started this week: - **ai (tail in the rain), ee (sheep in a jeep), igh (a light in the night) and oa (soap that goat)**. The children have learnt that 'two letters, one sound' is known as a digraph and 'three letters, one sound' is known as a trigraph (igh – a light in the night). The children have been practising reading and writing words with the new sounds in. The children know the letters all have a name, but also make their own sounds, sometimes this distinction can be tricky and at this stage the children sometimes can get muddled. They are trying hard and doing well with this however.

In our maths sessions this week the children have been reviewing their knowledge of numbers 0-5 and we have particularly focused on understanding zero and how zero means 'none'. We have also been singing lots of songs starting with 5, then counting back in ones, such as 5 little speckled frogs and 5 Little Monkeys.

One of our topics this term will be 'Keeping Healthy' and I would like to give the children the opportunity to sample a variety of fruit from around the world. As mentioned in the letter sent out with this newsletter, please can I

ask you to send in an exotic fruit on **Tuesday 14th January** and include the label of origin as well? Please ensure you return the slip giving permission for the children to sample the fruit by Tuesday or let us know of your consent via the contact book. I appreciate your support with this.

We have read the story of 'Supertato', the original story, as well as many others in the Supertato series, the children have absolutely loved these stories! They have enjoyed finding out about the adventures of Supertato and how he defeats the Evil Pea! We made our own Superveggies this week and the children loved using them to rescue veggies which had been terrorised by Evil Pea. The children enjoyed freeing veggies which had been frozen by Evil Pea. The children were very good at discussing how to free the frozen veggies by getting the ice to melt.

Our Woodland Learning dates for this term are **Tuesday 4th February** and **Friday 14th February**.

As we will be doing PE first thing on a Friday (as mentioned in the school comms message that went out yesterday) I will be asking for children to come into school in their PE kits on a Friday morning and bring their school uniform in a separate bag to change into after PE please. I will send the children home with their PE kits on a Friday ready for the following week.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Dale

Superveggies!

