



Reception Newsletter

Friday 18th October 2024

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 help 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.



It was great to see so many parents who were able to join us in our phonics sessions this week! I hope you enjoyed seeing how the children are getting on so well with learning their phonics and staying to play afterwards.

In our maths sessions this week the children have focused on number recognition and counting to 10 and subitising. The children completed maths activities using Numicon, counting the holes in the Numicon pieces and matching them to the correct numeral on their number fans. When you next play a board game with your child, see if they can say the number on the dice without counting the spots – being able to visually see a number of objects instantly without needing to count them out one at a time is known as ‘subitising’ and the children have been introduced to this word.

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 into 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 dens and going on the swings. It was a great morning of fun and creativity!

I would like to ask for some volunteers to look after our lovely chickens over the half-term break please, would anyone be interested in helping? It’s a job that the children will enjoy helping you with. The chickens just need a little visit each day to ensure they have food and water and the occasional cleaning out – full instructions will be provided! Please email the office or let me know via the contact book if you would be interested and which dates you are able to do. Many thanks, I really appreciate your support with this.



Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs McKiernan

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