

# Reception Newsletter

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

In phonics this week, the children have been revising digraphs and trigraphs previously learnt and have continued reading longer words such as: winking, waiting, mammoth and earring. The children have also learnt that the grapheme 's' can also make a 'z' sound within words and at the end of words as a suffix. We have focused on how the suffix 's' and 'es' at the end of words can create plurals and the present tense of a verb.



In maths this week the children have focused on number bonds (ways of making) to 10 and on doubles. They have learnt 1 part and another 1 part make a whole, and if those parts are equal then the special word we have for that is a 'double'. The children used Numicon and dice to help them understand the concept of a double. They loved playing the 'Dice Doubles' game. This could be a fun game you could play at home. Each player has two dice and we used a 1 minute timer. The players roll their two dice (at the same time, they do not need to take turns) and each time a player rolls a double they earn 1 point. We have been using tally marks in class so the children recorded the score using tally marks. The winner was the player who rolled the most doubles in a minute.

The children have enjoyed learning all about spring this week and have become seasons investigators, looking out for the signs of spring! They have also learnt all about animals and their young and have enjoyed watching videos about animals being born on farms in the spring. They have produced some fantastic springtime artwork to brighten up our classroom!

As part of our RE studies this week the children have continued learning about 'The Easter Story' and they enjoyed the 'Stations of the Cross' activities at the church with Rev. Kelly on Wednesday. We have also read some different versions of the story from books and online and the children are more familiar with the events now.

If anyone would be interested in looking after our lovely chickens during the Easter break please let me know. You only have to do a few days, but you are more than welcome to do more if you wish. They will only need you to

visit once a day to give them food and water as we won't be able to let them out. Many thanks for your support with this.

Also, just a reminder about the Easter Gardens that I would like the children to create at home (I sent a letter last week), please could they be brought into school on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March**. Many thanks.

Finally, just a couple of diary dates for Term 5 for you. We are delighted to be resuming Woodland Learning next term and have 2 sessions planned for Wed 17<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

We will also be inviting you back in for our final Phonics/Stay and Play sessions, with the following dates in mind: Wed 8<sup>th</sup>, Fri 10<sup>th</sup>, Tue 14<sup>th</sup> and Thur 16<sup>th</sup> May. Further information about these, including booking slips, will be sent out after the Easter break.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs McKiernan

## Spring



# Easter – Stations of the Cross

