

Reception Newsletter

Friday 25th April 2025

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a super Easter break! The children have come back full of beans and ready to go - the learning has been fantastic!

On our first day back we had a fantastic performance of 'The Railway Children' in the hall with the rest of the school which the children really enjoyed!



In phonics this week we have moved onto Phase 4 where we focus on consonant blends as well as revising digraphs/trigraphs previously learnt. The children have been learning words with four sounds in using short vowel sounds such as band, lump, help, went and tent. We have also learnt some new Tricky Words this week: said, so, have and like. Tricky Words are the words which ignore our normal phonics patterns and sounds as the letters are 'naughty' and make different sounds in Tricky Words. I have provided a hard copy of the new Tricky Words so the children can have a go at reading these (and writing them if they would like to) at home. Please also revise the previous Tricky Words I sent home in Term 3.

In maths this week we have started to focus on numbers beyond 10 and we have focused in particular on numbers from 10-13. The children have been focusing on counting forwards and backwards to 20 also. We have used Tally Charts to record scores for games we have played in maths this week. The children had to score points up to 5 by throwing a beanbag into a hoop and then using tally marks to keep score. This also involved the children using their counting and adding skills.

It was Earth Day on Tuesday so the children thought about the word 'sustainable' and how we can protect our environment by doing simple things such as turning the lights off when we leave a room, pick up rubbish when we see it in our environment and we considered how important it is to recycle. The children read the story of 'Noah's Ark' from the Bible to help us think about how we need to protect the environment to look after our animals too.

The children enjoyed going on a nature walk, painting rainbows to remember God's promise using water colour paints, making bird feeders and creating minibeast homes. There are some photos below for you to see.

In PSHE/Jigsaw lessons this term we are completing the puzzle piece 'Relationships' and the children have been talking about their families and the roles each family member plays in the household. We have also been thinking about our friendships and emotions; discussing why our friends are important to us, how we can be a good friend and include everyone so nobody feels left out. The children have also discussed how they can resolve issues if they fall out with a friend.

Reception will have one Woodland Learning session this term as it is a short term and it will be on **Wednesday 30th May.**

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Dale

Earth Day 2025

