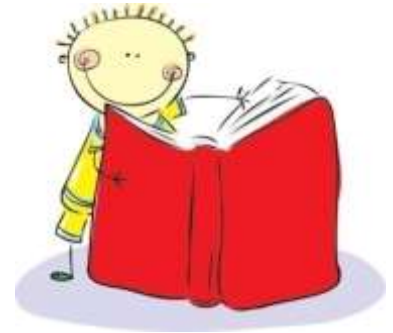


# Reception Newsletter

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

In phonics this week we have been continuing our work in Phase 4 and we have been focusing on consonant blends again, as well as revising digraphs/trigraphs previously learnt. The children have been learning words with four sounds in and which contain one digraph such as: champ, chimp, shift, smash and drink. We have also learnt some more new Tricky Words this week: some, come, love and do. 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 last week.



In maths this week we have continued to focus on numbers 1-20. The children have been counting a number of objects between 10 and 20 so they can focus on teen numbers. The children have played games using a ten frame which has involved taking numbers away. Subitising numbers on a dice has also been a focus this week.

The children have been very excited and enthralled by our new chick topic this week! The eggs went into the incubator on Thursday and our 21 day countdown to hatching day has begun! The children are so excited to find out about the chick's development inside the egg each day! The children have been fascinated by the incubator and how it works and cannot wait for the eggs to hatch so they can hold the chicks!



The children have learnt about the life cycle of a chicken this week and have enjoyed our 'chick' related activities such as: ordering the life cycle of a chicken, looking through non-fiction books and writing interesting facts about chicks and chickens, painting chicks, hens and cockerels, building safe enclosures for chicks and creating repeating patterns on large egg templates. They have been very busy!

The children had a great Woodland Learning session on Wednesday, the weather was glorious! The children enjoyed playing games, reading the story 'The Squirrels Who Squabbled', playing in the stream, making bark and leaf rubbings and creating large floor art out of the natural resources in the woods. Please see the photos below.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend!

Miss Dale

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