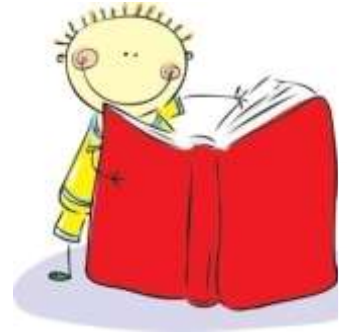




Reception Newsletter

Friday 7th February 2025

The children have now learnt all of the Phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs and will spend the rest of the year consolidating what they have learnt. We are now going to focus on reading longer words and words with consonant blends. This week the children have used the chunking method to read and write words with more than one syllable i.e. we completed two claps to break the words “pocket” and “chicken” into two parts. We also focused on compound words such as sunset and laptop. We helped the children identify the two root words that make up each compound word. We have also reviewed the following Tricky Words: are, sure, pure, into, she, push, he, we, me, be and of. Please continue to focus on these at home too.



Some of the words may be a little challenging for some children and you may like to go back to focusing on a few words at a time, rather than all previous Tricky Words in one go. When the children are confident with one group, then move onto the next group. The words will constantly need reviewing, even once they are secure, to ensure they can remember them. The words could be grouped like this:

Group 1 – I, as, and, no, go, is

Group 2 – we, be, he, me, of, she

Group 3 – was, you, my, by, are

Group 4 – put, sure, pure, all, they, push, pull

In our maths sessions this week we have been finding one more than a number (1-8) using ten frames as an aid. We have continued to review and consolidate our knowledge of numbers 1-5 and we have particularly focused on 6, 7 and 8 this week. The children have been counting different arrangements of objects with a focus on 6, 7 and 8. We have also been looking at finding one less than numbers to 8 by using ten frames and by counting rhymes such as ‘Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer’ and ‘Ten in the Bed.’



The children enjoyed a lovely Woodland Learning session this week! They had great fun playing 'Hide and Seek' and turning sticks into various things such as fishing rods, stickmen and writing pencils. The book 'Stanley's Stick' inspired them to be creative with the sticks they found in the woods. I have added some photos below for you to see. Apologies about how muddy the children got this week, but they loved playing in the mud!

The children have enjoyed finding out about different Chinese dishes this week as part of our Chinese New Year topic and they loved making vegetable spring rolls. The children loved smelling the spring rolls cook and couldn't wait to take them home to try them! We hope you enjoyed them too!



Just a reminder that on **Thursday 13th February** we are going to be having our Chinese New Year's Day Celebration to celebrate the end of our Chinese New Year topic and to celebrate being in the year of the snake. The children can dress up on the day as previously mentioned in the CNY Day letter. Please could the **£1.50** donations be sent in by **Wednesday 12th February**? Many thanks.

Thank you to those who have already offered to help with the chickens over half term. We still have **Friday 21st – Sunday 23rd February** to cover if you would be interested. We keep the chickens in the coop during the holidays



as we cannot risk leaving them out when we are not there as there may be foxes about. The chickens will just need to be fed each day, their water changed daily and the coop cleaned out at least once in the week. Please let me know if you would like to help.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Dale



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