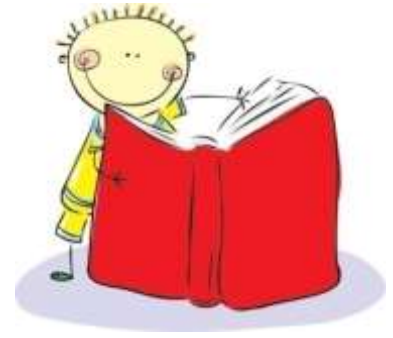


# Reception Newsletter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

In phonics this week, the children have been revising digraphs and trigraphs previously learnt. We have focused on the following sounds along with their catchphrase: ai (tail in the rain) ee (sheep in a jeep) igh (light in the night) oa (soap that goat) oo (zoom to the moon) ar (march in the dark) or (born with a horn) ur (curl that fur) oo (hook a book) ow (wow owl) oi (boing boing) ear (get near to hear).

The children have been reading various words with these digraphs and trigraphs in. We have focused on identifying the digraph (two letters, one sound) and trigraphs (three letters, one sound) in a word, then the children decode the sounds and blend. Identifying the digraph or trigraphs before reading the word is really helping the children and is a useful strategy you can use at home if children are finding reading words with digraphs in quite challenging. Please can you focus on the following Tricky Words at home as they are proving a little tricky to remember: they, you, by, are and was.



In maths this week the children have been focusing on 'Building 9 and 10' so the children have been ordering numbers from 1-10 and counting up to 9 and 10 objects. The children have been using their subitising skills to identify up to 5 objects/counters without counting them. They are also now starting to learn to combine two sets of objects (up to 5) and find out how many objects altogether. We have been using dominoes to help us with combining two sets. Some children are starting to automatically see the total using their subitising skills, such as 3 and 2 makes 5, 4 and 4 make 8, 4 and 5 make 9. We have also been counting to 100 which the children love!



The children loved making and eating pancakes this week on Shrove Tuesday! We also enjoyed our Ash Wednesday Service with Rev Kelly on Wednesday in school. The children drew pictures to show what they were sorry about and enjoyed watching Rev Kelly burn the paper. All of Reception had an ash cross and enjoyed learning about why and how Christians celebrate Lent.





Book Week has been great fun this week and the children have loved bringing in their favourite stories and talking about them with the class. The children looked absolutely amazing on World Book Day! Reception loved reading some of their favourite books with Year 4! We have also read spring poems together this week. There are some photos below for you to see.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Dale

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