



# Reception Newsletter

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024

I cannot believe we have reached the end of the first term! The children have settled into school and new routines really well and they deserve a good rest over half term. I am really proud of all of them, they have been amazing little stars this term, especially considering what a long term it has been!



In phonics this week we have revisited and revised all of the sounds we have learnt so far this term, as well as practising the tricky words: is, I and the. We have played 'I spy' to practice the initial sounds of words and played other games on the whiteboard to find the missing sounds in cvc (consonant-vowel-consonant) words – they particularly enjoyed Balloon Phonics (<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/phonics/balloon-phonics-cvc-game>) which you can find on the Topmarks website (no subscription needed) if you would like to play with them.

It was lovely to see so many parents who were able to join us again for the phonics and stay & play sessions! I hope you were able to get a good feel for what your children have been getting up to all term during your visits.

In our maths sessions this week we have been looking at circles and triangles and trying to use the language of shape to describe the different properties of shapes and to compare them; for example, a triangle has 3 straight sides, a circle has 1 curved side and no corners. We have looked for shapes in our classroom and in famous paintings by Kandinsky. Some children have even had a go at creating their own shape artwork!





This week the children have been making clay snowmen which will be ready in time for Christmas. They loved using the clay and talking about the processes involved in making their creations and they are looking forward to decorating their snowmen when they come back from the kiln next term.



A massive thank you to all my chicken helpers, I really do appreciate you looking after the chickens. 😊 If you were interested in helping and would like me to add your name to the list of Christmas chicken volunteers, please do let me know.

It has been a great term getting to know the children and we have enjoyed lots of fantastic learning and fun - I look forward to Term 2!

The children certainly all deserve a good rest and I hope you all have a lovely half term!

Thanks for all your support!

Mrs McKiernan