

Reception Newsletter

Friday 26th January 2024

In our phonics sessions this week the children have been revising digraphs and trigraphs previously learnt and we have been practising writing these graphemes and adding the sound buttons to words. The children have also learnt a number of new sounds this week: **ur (curl the fur), ow (wow owl), oi (boing, boing) and ear (get near to hear)**. The children have also learnt the following Tricky Words: my, by and all. We also reviewed the following Tricky Words: was, you, they and into. It would be great if you could focus on these words at home too.



In maths this week the children have been focusing on 1-5 and we have also focused on 6, 7 and 8. The children have been counting forwards and backwards (0-8). The children had ladybirds and had to count out 6 spots for them. Then they had to find all the different ways to create six by putting some of the spots on one wing of the ladybird and a number of spots on the other way such as 3+3, 4+2, 5+1 etc. The children worked well to find lots of different ways. We also repeated this activity with 8 spots. We have also played pairs games this week as part of our maths lessons.

On Monday we celebrated World Religion Day and the Reception children learnt a bit more about Hinduism and some of the stories and festivals that are important to the Hindu faith. They enjoyed making stick puppets to act out the story of Rama and Sita and colouring and creating very colourful Rangoli patterns.

This week the children have enjoyed finding out about our new topic, 'Chinese New Year.' I have added the websites we have used below. The children have enjoyed finding out about Chinese traditions and customs at this special time. We learnt about the Chinese Zodiac and the children know that from February 10th we will be in the year of the dragon. The children also discovered that they were either born in the year of the boar or the dog. We have been making Chinese Dragons, learning to use chopsticks and we have been looking at different Chinese symbols.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/chinesenewyear/WhatIsChineseNewYear.aspx>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/chinese-new-year>

The children enjoyed their pyjama party yesterday! We played some very energetic party games in the hall and ended the day on a calmer note by sharing their favourite stories and a party snack with their cuddly toys. They are already working towards their next treat and have started to refill the empty pompom jar again!

Another holiday is fast approaching and we would be very grateful for any volunteers who would be willing to look after our lovely chickens over the half term break. Last time the volunteers signed up to a few days each but you can do as many or as few days as you wish. If you would be interested in looking after them please could you let me know by grabbing me after school, send the office an email or via the contact book. Please state the dates that you would like to have the chickens and a contact number for the rota. Many thanks.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs McKiernan



