



Reception Newsletter

Friday 9th February 2024

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 reviewed the following Tricky Words: are, sure, pure, into, she, push, he, we, me, be and of.



In our maths sessions this week we have been finding the answer to addition number stories and finding the total of two groups of objects. We have been also focusing on comparing groups to find which has more and fewer. The children have continued to consider how larger numbers are made up of smaller numbers such as 2 and 3 make 5, 4 and 1 make 5, but also how 2 and 2 and 1 make 5 etc.

In PSHE this week we have been talking about the things we find tricky or challenging. We talked about the importance of persevering, being resilient and not giving up. The children were put to the test with some very tricky puzzle challenges and they displayed all of these qualities in their determination to work together in teams to complete the puzzles – very impressive work!

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





The children had a great time at our Chinese New Year's Day in school. They all looked fabulous and they really enjoyed performing a dragon dance, learning to count to 10 in Mandarin and eating Chinese food!



Wishing you all a lovely half-term break!

Mrs McKiernan