



# Reception Newsletter

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

What another super week in school! The children have been very busy, especially as we have started singing rehearsals ready for our Nativity performances. The children have loved singing the songs and learning the actions/signs to go with them.



In phonics we have focused on the following sounds: v (volcano), w (wave), x (box) and y (yo-yo). The children have identified these initial sounds in different objects and have had a go at reading cvc words with these new phonemes in. The children have also learnt the following Tricky Words this week: and (the consonant blend makes this tricky), has, his and her. I will send these home next week, together with the week 3 words, so you can practise reading them at home along with the ones from last week.

In our maths sessions this week the children have focused on recognising 2, 3, 4 and 5 dots in different arrangements, but knowing the number is still 2, 3, 4 or 5 whichever arrangement is in place. The children have also been learning the mathematical language of 'more' and 'fewer' when comparing groups of objects.

The children went to church on Monday to mark the two-minute silence for Remembrance Day with the rest of the school. They stood around the memorial and looked at the poppy wreaths that had been placed there. They were very respectful in their observations and behaviour. Below you can see a photo of the wreath we made in class, using the individual poppies made by the children last week.

The children have enjoyed reading 'The Christmas Story' this week and drawing pictures to show different story events. We have started to use our phonic knowledge to write initial sounds for words and some children have started to add labels to their drawings using their knowledge of phonics and word mats. We have begun to create the Nativity scene in our classroom to help the children with their storytelling.

Our new Jigsaw puzzle piece in PSHE this term is 'Celebrating Differences.' The children enjoyed reading 'Barry the Fish with Fingers' by Sue Hendra and thought about how the fish in the story were different to each other and had different talents. Then we thought about how we are all different and unique. We also linked this theme to our 'Anti-bullying Week' activities this week and how we should 'Choose Respect'.



The children loved dressing up and celebrating 'Children in Need' day today. They especially enjoyed the silly balloon games they played in the hall and found it trickier than they thought to walk with one between their legs! Thank you all so much for your generous donations for a very worthy cause!

A little reminder that we have our Woodland Learning session next week on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**. Some children came into school last time with their uniform to change into after our session in their school rucksack, but could I please ask that you ensure the children carry their uniform into school in a separate carrier bag, with a spare bag for wellies, to help make it easier for us to change them after. This will also, hopefully, ensure that their rucksacks remain mud-free! Please also ensure the children are already in their waterproofs (if they have them) when they come into school. Many thanks.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs McKiernan

