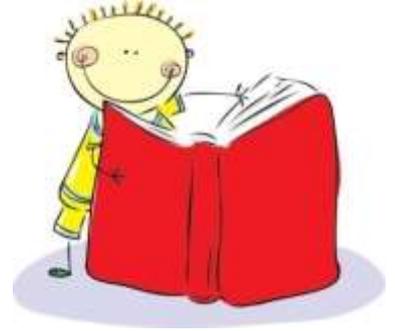


Reception Newsletter

Friday 14th October 2016

It has been another great week in Reception! The children are well and truly settled and have fully embraced their new school and new routines. It has been lovely having parents come into class this week to observe some of our phonics sessions. I really hope the sessions have been/will be helpful and a good insight into how we teach phonics in Reception at our school. The children have loved having so many visitors! We look forward to seeing more parents next week too.



I hope the phonics evening was useful too, thank you for coming. I have provided parents who were not able to attend Wednesday's phonics session with the same handouts I gave out on the night. There is a phonics guide, handwriting guide and a list of High Frequency words. This gives a little insight into how we teach phonics and handwriting. The children have not been introduced to all the sounds yet but the list includes all the sounds the children will learn throughout the year.

In phonics this week we have been revising sounds already learnt and have practised forming letters, in particular: - b and h. The children have been creating words with three sounds using letter cards and a phoneme frame to support them with their blending skills. They have been making words using some of the letters already learnt this term such as sack, miss, kiss, map, tin, tap etc.

Many parents have asked about the 'Learning Ladders' we have in our classroom and what the children do to climb up them. We talk to the children about each ladder: -collaborating, having a go at something new, being attentive, sharing ideas, problem solving and persevering. We look for the children demonstrating those learning skills (mainly during Child Initiated Activities) and move them up the ladder. When they reach the top they receive a rosette and then move onto a different ladder to try and earn a rosette. The children fully understand them now and use the correct vocabulary regularly in class.

In our maths sessions this week the children have focused on counting up to and past 20. We have also been looking at symmetry. The children have created symmetrical patterns using their bodies and objects.

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to look after the chickens during half term. We still have a few dates available if you would like to look after the chickens. I am inviting parents in on **Wednesday 19th October** after school to find out about how we clean them out, feed them etc. Thank you so much for your support with this!

Also, just to let you know the photos of the children will be in the KM this weekend if you would like to purchase one. We do have copies available in the school office for you to buy.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Thanks for your support.

Miss Dale