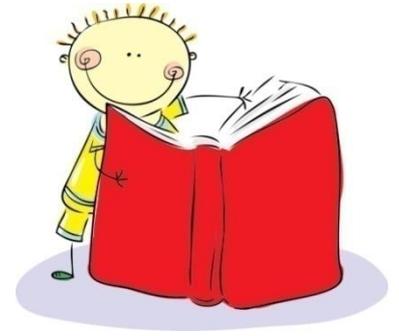


Reception Newsletter

Friday 17th March 2017

In phonics this week the children revised how to read and spell the High Frequency Words and the Tricky Words. We have also revisited how to read words containing split digraphs. We have now learnt all of the split digraphs (o-e as in phone home, e-e as in compete, a-e as in bake a cake, i-e as in kite, u-e as in huge brute). The children had to read words and see if they could feed words with split digraphs into the hungry Phoneme Monster!



In our maths sessions this week the children have been reviewing and developing their ability to calculate with money by buying fruit from our Farmer's Market. We have also been learning to tell the time to the hour. The children understand the longer hand is the minute hand and the shorter hand is the hour hand, we have focused on o'clock times.

The children have been finding out about the Patron Saints in our Acts of Worship. So far we have covered St David and St Patrick. At Leybourne we name our team houses after the four Patron Saints (St David, St Patrick, St Andrew and Saint George). Reception will shortly be put into a team and we will let you know which team they will be in.

The weather has improved and as it is warmer we would like to take the children out onto the field as much as possible during our PE lessons, so please can you ensure your child has suitable footwear (plimsolls or trainers) in their PE kits for next week. Many thanks.

As the children have been studying the Easter Story, I would like them to create Easter Gardens at home. There is a separate letter with information about this activity being sent out.

The Easter Holiday is soon approaching, so I would be very grateful for some volunteers to help look after the chickens please. The children are so excited that our chickens are laying eggs again, so there will be some eggs in return for your chicken sitting duties this holiday! Please let me know if you are able to help by **Wednesday 22nd March**, as I would like Reception to have first choice and then I will put a note out to the rest of the school as it is quite a long holiday. Please state which dates you would prefer, even if it is only a few days, we appreciate any help. I will invite you into school on

Wednesday in the final week to discuss how to care for our chickens. Many thanks for your support with this.

Also, just a reminder that we have our Mother's Day presentation in the school hall on **Friday 24th March at 2.30pm**. We look forward to seeing you there.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Dale