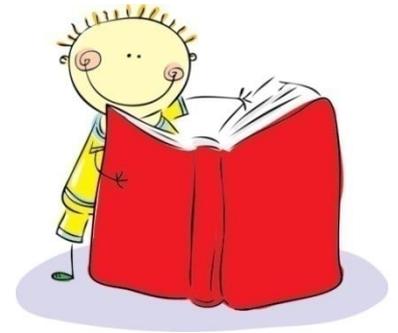


# Reception Newsletter

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017

What an exciting week the children have had! It has been exciting for the adults in school too!! Our chicks have hatched!! On Thursday morning, I came into school to see two eggs had cracks in them and both had hatched by the time the children came into school. The children were beyond excited to meet the chicks first thing in the morning! The children have been enthralled by our chicks and their hatching process. They have loved the new arrivals this week!



In phonics this week the children have learnt new phonemes: **wh (what, when, why) and oe (as in toe)**. We have practised decoding and blending words with the different sounds in. It was lovely to invite parents into school again this week for phonics and to stay and play with the children. The children absolutely loved it and we hope you did too. We look forward to seeing more parents on Monday.

In our maths sessions this week, the children have revised their knowledge of 3D shapes by building them using various different construction kits and making them out of play-doh. They are getting a lot more confident naming and describing the 3D shapes using the correct mathematical vocabulary such as: faces, vertices and edges. The children also reviewed doubles this week by playing a 'Racing Doubles' game and using Numicon to support their calculations, Numicon was especially helpful for some children

doubling 2 digit numbers. Some children now know some doubles to 10 off by heart, great maths this week!

We have our Forest School session on Tuesday with Mrs Murray, so please ensure the children come into school dressed appropriately and with plenty of spare clothes, many thanks. It is also our school trip on Wednesday to Godstone Farm, which we are very excited about. The children are able to wear their own clothes on the day, with suitable footwear, please provide a waterproof jacket. It should be a fun day!

There is a 'Book Look' after school on Wednesday. I am afraid I am unable to be there as I will be attending Early Years Moderation at another school. The children's red topic books and blue writing diaries will be available for you to look at in the hall if you so wish, as the classroom will not be available. I will need to take some of the children's books with me for moderation purposes, but I will let you know if I will be taking your child's books, we can always arrange another day for you to see the books if need be. Sorry if this causes any inconvenience. I know many of you have been in in the last few weeks for phonics and stay and play sessions and the books will come home at the end of the year, so please do not worry if you are unable to attend.

The children have been practising their lines and acting parts for our Act of Worship on Friday and are excited for you to come and watch. Thank you for helping the children practise their lines at home as well, it really helps.

Thank you very much to parents who have offered to look after our chickens over half term! If you are new to chicken sitting and would like to pop in to find out how to look after them, please come in on Thursday after school next week, many thanks.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Dale