

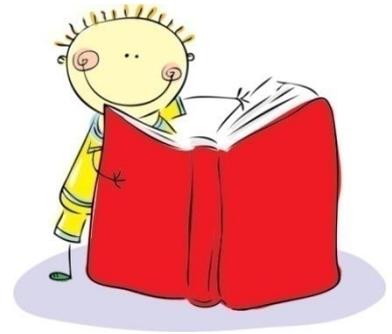
Reception Newsletter

Friday 24th February 2017

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a lovely half term break and the children are refreshed, ready for another busy term!

In phonics this week the children have started to learn about split digraphs. We have learnt **a-e as in bake a cake** and **i-e as in kite** and we will be learning more next week. The children remember this phoneme as the 'i' smiles to the 'e' and it makes an 'I'

sound. When we add sound buttons to a word containing a split digraph we call it a bendy sausage, as it curves, or smiles from the 'i' to the 'e.' These are a bit tricky for children at first but they are learning quickly!



In our maths sessions this week the children have been practising counting in ones and twos. We have also focused on recognising the value of coins and calculating with money. The children were invited to buy items from the shop using 1p coins and as the week progressed we introduced higher value coins for the children to pay with. When using 2p coins we encourage the children to tap the 2p coin twice. They tap and count, one, then two so they realise it is worth 2p.

We have had our 'Farmer's Market' this week where the children pay for their fruit and practise using money. They have really enjoyed this and we have had some fantastic shop keepers this week!

The children have been very busy rehearsing for their class assembly next week. They are very excited about parents coming to see it! Just a reminder that the assembly is on **Friday 3rd March at 9am**. It should finish around 9.30am ish! If you are able to attend please come to the office to sign in and then you will be shown to the hall. To support the children I have given them their lines to take home with them this weekend. It would be great if you could help them read through their lines, so they feel more confident when we practise at school. Some children may not have lines as they may have an acting part, so please don't worry if your child doesn't bring any words home.

Even though it is our assembly on World Book Day the children can still come into school dressed up as a character from a book of their choice on

the day. We may provide a few Chinese props or masks for them for the assembly though as well.

Mother's day is on **Sunday 26th March** this year and the children would like to invite mums into school on **Friday 24th March at 2.30pm** for a mini Mother's day celebration! Toddlers are welcome to watch and listen to their brothers and sisters. Please sign in at the office, before coming to the hall for the presentation.

Also, just a reminder that is Reception's turn to take part in a Forest School session next week on **Tuesday 28th February** with Mrs Rachel Murray, our Forest School Lead. Myself, Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Robinson will also be with the children in the woods. Please refer back to the Forest School letter dated 25th January as this has details about what a session involves and what the children need to wear. Please can the children come into school wearing the appropriate clothing for the Forest School session and bring their school uniform in a carrier bag, so they can change into it after the session? It is very likely the children will get wet! Please could you also ensure the children have a spare pair of socks, underwear and even a small towel to dry themselves with if need be?

A massive thank you to my fantastic chicken sitters this half term! The chickens were very happy when we returned to school, so they were obviously well looked after! I know they showed their appreciation by laying some lovely eggs for you!

I look forward to meeting with you all next week at Parents' Evening.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Dale