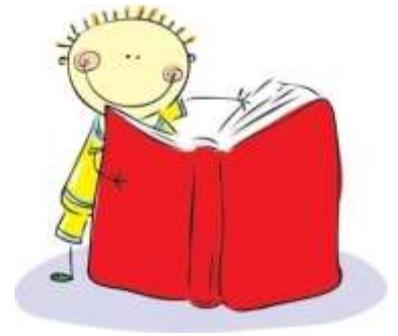


Reception Newsletter

Friday 7th October 2016

In phonics this week we have revised the letter names learnt so far and have focused on some letter sounds in particular. This week we have focused on e, u, r and ck (as in “ck” at the end of the word, i.e. duck, luck). The children have played various games to help them to recognise these initial sounds in words. We have continued practising blending and segmenting sounds with the children as this can be tricky.

In our maths sessions this week the children have focused on counting up to and past 20. We have also enjoyed singing lots of different number songs such as “Five Little Speckled Frogs”, “Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer”, “10 Green Bottles” etc. The children have looked at repeating patterns and discussed how they know it is a repeating pattern. They were very good at continuing the repeating patterns.



The children are enjoying our Harvest Topic and loved singing ‘Mr Scarecrow’ which is our Harvest Festival song. They also created their own version of Vincent Van Gogh’s ‘Wheat Field with Crows’ pictures using oil pastels. They look fantastic on display! Hopefully you got to see them when you came in for the ‘Book Look.’

We are having our Phonics Information Evening on **Wednesday 12th October at 7pm**. I hope it will be a useful and interesting session for all. Please can you enter school via the playground gate and come to the Reception classroom, where you can sign in. We thought it would be useful to run the session in the classroom.

Thank you for signing up for the follow up phonics session in class next week and the following week too. We felt it would be beneficial for you to see phonics being taught to the children after sharing the information in the evening and a good opportunity to invite you into the classroom so you can play with the children and see what school is like for them. Thank you for returning your forms, it is so great so many of you can make it!

During the half term break we ask if parents and children would like to look after our lovely chickens. They are easy to care for; they will just need feeding and cleaning out. If you would be interested in helping us with this please let us know via the contact book or speaking to one of us after school. We will then invite you in one night after school in the last week of term to show you how we clean out the chickens. Please do not feel it has to be for the full week, most parents tend to do a few days each during the week. We will be grateful for any volunteers. ☺

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Miss Dale