

# Reception Newsletter

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a lovely half term break and the children feel rested and ready for another busy term at school.

In phonics we have been learning some new sounds and letters this week. The children focused on the letter 'j' and they learnt how to form the letter in our pre-cursive script. We have also been focusing on learning some Tricky Words and some High Frequency Words this week. I have provided you with two sheets of words so you are able to practise at home with your child. You can cut them up and use them as flash cards as we do in school. These words are the words that children can decode using their phonics such as: in, at, is and occur frequently in texts, but also words which children need to read on sight such as 'go' and 'the' (the Tricky Words).



In our maths sessions this week the children have focused on recognising and ordering numbers to 20 and 30. The children also revised their knowledge of 2D shapes and were able to describe some of their properties.

The children have been learning about Armistice Day this week in preparation for next week when we go to church for the two minute silence. We discussed why we buy poppies and the children made their own poppies out of paper plates, tissue paper and their hands to create the leaves!

I also just wanted to say a huge thank you to the parents who chicken sat this half term. I really appreciate your help and support with this. I am so sorry the chickens have not been laying and you were not able to benefit from their eggs, hopefully the chocolate made up for it! They should start laying again in February.

Thanks for your support. Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

Miss Dale