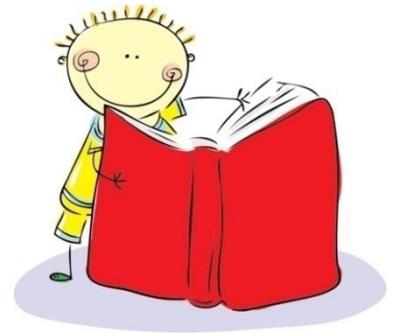


Reception Newsletter

Friday 6th October 2017

In phonics this week we have focused on e, u, r, and ck (as in 'ck' at the end of the word ie duck, luck). The children have practised forming these letters and played various games which helps them to recognise these initial sounds in words. We have been practising decoding and blending skills with the children as this can be rather 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 and spotting my mistakes!



The children are enjoying our Harvest Topic and enjoyed singing 'Big Red Combine Harvester.' They also created their own version of Vincent Van Gogh's 'Wheat Field with Crows' pictures using oil pastels. They look fantastic on display!

We are having our Phonics Information Evening on **Wednesday 11th 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, you can sign in once in the classroom as we thought it would be useful to run the session in the classroom. Please ensure you are there before 7pm please as Mrs Mitchell will have to lock the gate after you have arrived and unfortunately there will not be anyone at the office at that time of night to let you in. Thank you.

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 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. ☺

The children had a wonderful time at our first Forest School session this week. Mrs Murray read the story of 'Superworm' which they loved! We had great fun playing in the stream, making webs out of willow, playing in the mud kitchen and creating creatures out of clay. The children are really looking forward to their next session. Thank you for ensuring the children had the suitable clothing for the session, some of us got very mucky!

Here are some photos of the fun! ☺



I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Miss Dale