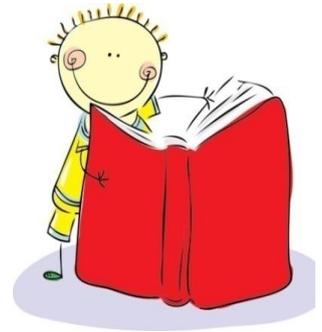




Reception Newsletter

Friday 4th October 2019

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 will look fantastic on display!

We are having our Phonics Information Evening on **Tuesday 8th 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 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! Please sign in at the office just before 9am and then the ladies in the office will show you to the classroom.

The children had such a wonderful first Forest School session. They enjoyed playing in the Mud Kitchen, exploring the woods and climbing trees.



Forest School Fun!



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 by speaking to one of us after school. We will then invite you in on Tuesday after school in the last week of term to show you how we clean out the chickens. Please do not feel you have to sign up 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