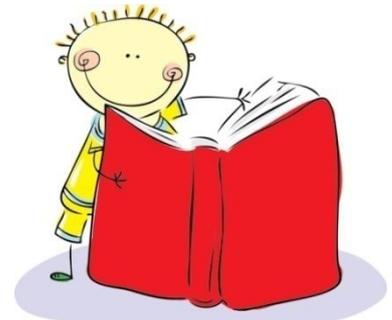




Reception Newsletter

Friday 23rd October 2020

I cannot believe we have reached the end of the first term! The children have settled into school and routines really well and they deserve a good rest over half term. I am really proud of all of them!



We are having a Phonics Information Evening on **Tuesday 3rd November at 6pm** via Zoom. Mrs Mitchell and I will be talking to you about our Phonics Scheme and how we teach early reading in EYFS. I hope it will be a useful and interesting session for all. Further information will be provided in a separate letter. Many thanks.

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) which is a digraph and the children know that means it is two letters that join together to make one sound. When we use our sound buttons the children know the sound is represented as a sausage. I will explain this in more detail when we have our Phonics Information Evening via Zoom and then hopefully it will all make sense. The children have practised forming these letters and played various games which help them to recognise the initial sounds we have learnt 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 have enjoyed our Harvest Topic and enjoyed creating their own version of Vincent Van Gogh's 'Wheat Field with Crows' pictures using oil pastels. They look fantastic on our display!





I hope you all have a lovely half term!

Thanks for your support,

Miss Dale