

Reception News




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This week in Reception

The children have returned to school with plenty of enthusiasm for learning and play! We've loved hearing about how the children spent their Christmas breaks and some of the surprises that Santa delivered! However, the new term is now in full-swing and we have had a busy week preparing for our class pets' birthdays (today!), beginning group reading once again and continuing with the Little Wandle phonics programme. Our new colleague and Lions Teacher, Irene, has settled in very well and all of the children are enjoying getting to know her better.

Phonics:

In phonics this week we have learnt four new sounds; ai, ee, igh and oa. The children now know what a 'trigraph' is – see if they can tell you! We have also reviewed a number of the tricky words including is, as, has, put, pull, the and I.

 tail in the rain	ai	 sheep in a jeep	ee
 a light in the night	igh	 soap that goat	oa

Number:

Our focus in number this week has been on matching quantities to numerals and practising subitising. The children are now experts at subitising and are often able to quickly identify small amounts of objects. Perhaps you could challenge your child to subitise at home by quickly showing them different quantities of fingers!

Next week:

Next week, we will begin to learn all about Lunar New Year, which will take place on Sunday 22nd January, and the different countries where this is celebrated. This will continue into the following week as we have plenty of stimulating activities planned to support this. This will also give us an ideal opportunity to talk about ordinal numbers, after listening to the traditional story of The Great Race. If any parent would like to come in and talk to the children about this celebration, we would be delighted. Please speak to your class teacher.

Reading:

We have restarted our Little Wandle reading programme and the children seem to be really happy in their groups. You should all now be aware that the book bags will be sent home each Friday along with the new phonics book and reading for pleasure book. These then need to be returned to school the following Monday.

Reception playground improvements:

Thank you for those parents who have very helpfully walked the long way around between the two playgrounds. You will see that our new Reception playground is coming along nicely and the children are incredibly excited about the changes that are taking place! We really appreciate your understanding during these improvements.

Request for spare clothes:

We are still incredibly low on spare clothing in Reception. If your child has borrowed any of our spare clothing, we would be grateful if you could ensure that these items are returned to us ASAP. Likewise, if you have any old clothes that you are considering getting rid of (ages 4-6 years), we would be very thankful for any donations. **We are especially short of trousers, as none have been returned to us.**

Boxes and bed sheets!

As has become tradition in Reception at Kilmore, we like to end our period of learning about Lunar New Year with a dragon dance, performed to their friends. In order to do this, we would be grateful for some donations of old white bed sheets and medium and large boxes, which the children can then decorate and use as their costumes.

The Reception Team

