

Reception News

05.05.23

This week in Reception

This week the children have been working hard to get ready for their performance of The Little Red Hen. We are sure you will agree that they were amazing and put on a fantastic show! They performed the story and sang their songs with confidence and enthusiasm, and they were, understandably, very proud of themselves, as we are sure you were too.

During this week, we also learnt about the King's Coronation and its cultural significance. We discussed the different symbols and objects associated with royalty, such as crowns and flags. We encouraged the children to create their own flags and crowns and decorate them with different materials, such as paint, tissue paper and beads. We also talked about what we would like to say to the king and some of the children even decided to write a letter to him. These fun and engaging activities helped the children to develop their creativity, writing, and fine motor skills.

Phonics:

In phonics this week, we continued recapping our previously learnt diagraphs and tricky words. We also practised reading longer words, including those with double letters (ladder, rubbish, butter). This week the children also enjoyed playing phonics games such as phonics noughts and crosses and match the picture to the sound. We are starting to see the children develop real confidence in their reading and writing abilities, which we hope you are also beginning to see at home.

Maths:

This week we have focused on embedding the maths learning into our indoor and outdoor areas. This has included using balance scales to weigh pets in the vets or playdough pizza at the takeaway, exploring containers with different capacities in our water and sand areas, playing composition of number games with Numicon and other manipulatives, and using measuring tapes to measure a range of objects. As always, we promote the use of lots of mathematical language such as longer/shorter, heavier/lighter, minus, plus and equals.



Next Week

Next week, we are going to be busy preparing for the **Early Years Garden Party on the 13th May from 11.30am to 2.30pm**. The children will be involved in designing and creating bunting and posters for the big day and will help to create props and signs for their class games. We will also be

celebrating the Eurovision Song Contest, which will give us a great opportunity to discuss the different nationalities involved and make links with the children's own experiences of family and travel.

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SONG CONTEST

Reminders: We are still in urgent need of volunteers for the Early Years Garden Party.

This is to ensure that we do not have to reduce the number of games / stalls. If you are able to volunteer one hour, [please sign up here](#). It's a great way to meet other parents and to support the school, the money raised will be used towards the coaches for the Early Years Beach Trip.

The Reception Team



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Click on 'calendars' (above the grid box) – select your child/ren's year group/s on the dropdown list. Then click on 'subscribe' (also above the grid box), this will open full instructions. All dates will then be loaded to your calendar, no need to add them yourself 😊