

Reception News

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This week

This week the children learnt all about the Spring Festival Narouz (also marking the start of the Persian New Year), which is celebrated by some of our families in Reception. We took part in a number of traditions such as painting eggs, decorating the Haft-Sin table and growing sprouted seeds. Some children also noticed some similarities between the story of Jamsheed and Noah's Ark.

We also learnt a little bit about the fire service this week and how important fire officers are to our community. This learning leant itself perfectly to maths as the children used fire officer's ladders to practise addition and subtraction within 14, just like a number line. Lots more children enjoyed testing materials to find out if they were waterproof by squirting water hoses! We will continue next week for those that haven't had a chance yet.

At the end of the week, the whole school celebrated Comic Relief by wearing red or dressing up as superheroes. In reception, the children found their funny bones by retelling, writing and performing jokes for their classmates!

Phonics

We are pleased to say that the children have managed the changes to their phonics routine really well and are happily settling into their new phonics groups. A big focus for each phonics group has been on the children learning and remembering the new routines and familiarising themselves with the other children and the new class dynamics.

Ashleigh's group

Ashleigh's group have spent the week reviewing the digraphs **ch**, **sh**, **th** and **ng** and practising their robot talk and blending words through playing lots of games. We also reviewed the tricky words **she** and **he**.

Philippa's group

Philippa's group have focused on reading and writing words with adjacent consonants at the end of words (CVCC, which stands for consonant, vowel, consonant, consonant) e.g. tent, damp, pond, next. We have also learnt the tricky words **said** and **so** and revised all the previously learnt tricky words.

Bethan's group

Bethan's group have practised writing lots of previously taught digraphs and trigraphs and identifying these in sentences.

Katrina's group

The children in Katrina's group have been busy reviewing the sounds **s**, **a**, **t** and **p** in words, through lots of active games and songs.

Please refer to Seesaw if you are unsure of the actions/pictures for each sound as they are attached to the Weekend News writing activities.

Reminders:

Pick-up and drop-off times

Thank you for your ongoing patience as we all become more familiar with the new drop-off and pick-up routines for each class. If your child is in Bears or Tigers, please continue to wait on the opposite side of the road until your child's class is called by a member of staff.

Reading Days

Please check the front of your child's yellow reading journal because from Thursday onwards they may have a new day indicated to bring their books bag which will start after Easter. This may seem inconvenient but it enables the class teacher to spend their time equally with all children across the year. We would appreciate it if your child only brings their book bag in on their reading day to minimise things being brought in from home. Please ensure the yellow record book is in the bag.

Allergy Medication

If your child has food allergy medication in school, can you please ensure that we have the most recent prescription to ensure that this is in date.

Best wishes,

The Reception Team