

Reception News

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This week

This week the children learnt all about World Water Day and other planet saving issues, of course we had to take the opportunity to introduce David Attenborough to all children (although many were familiar with him already)! We continued our science investigations and conducted our own census in various ways which the children really enjoyed.

Our secret number this week was 15. The children are really good with their counting and simple calculations. We still think it is important to encourage them to use real objects and pictures to help deepen their understanding.

We are very aware that some of our children are still not fully settled and are missing aspects of home, having spent such a long time surrounded by family and the benefits that brings. We will continue to support the children in recognising and expressing their feelings through circle times, stories and role play.

We're delighted that our new sand arrived this week and that has proven a real hit with the children, as well as setting up a car wash in the playground!

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, which better meet their needs.

Ashleigh's group

Ashleigh's group have reviewed last week's diagraphs ch, sh, th and ng through writing in lots of fun ways including pretend pencils in the air, play dough and large writing on the floor. In addition to this there was a focus on effective pencil grip.

Philippa's group

Philippa's group have been reviewing words with adjacent consonants at the end (CCVC) as well as reading and writing words with adjacent consonants at the beginnings (CVCC). They also learnt the new tricky words 'like', 'come', 'have' and 'some'.

Bethan's group

Bethan's group have been practising reading and writing words with adjacent consonants at the end (CVCC). They used phoneme frames to sound out and write CVC words (e.g. ten/bum/dam) before identifying an additional consonant at the end to make a new word (e.g. tent/bump/damp).

Katrina's group

The children in Katrina's group have been busy reviewing the initial sounds in words through lots of active games. This week they reviewed i, n, m, d.

Requests and Reminders:

T-Shirts

Please send in any old t-shirts, medium to large, (so that there are spares for children who don't have one) on Monday morning because the children will be experiencing the Holi Festival, which involves throwing colours at each other.

Reading Days

Some children are changing their reading days after Easter and you will have either already been told of this or will find out before the end of this term.

Packed Lunches

We have children with significant nut allergies in Reception. Please ensure that there are no nut ingredients contained within any food products given to your child (for example cereal bars, pesto etc.).

Best wishes,

The Reception Team