

# Reception Newsletter

15th January 2016

## This week in Reception

A busy week which started with a baking activity involving melting chocolate which gave us the opportunity to talk about CHANGE. The children noticed how the heat made the chocolate melt then hardened again when it cooled. Next week we will investigate ice and how it changes.

As CHANGE is all around us we constantly have various seasonal plants and flowers on our snack table as a focus to talk about and watch how bulbs grow, buds open, flower then die.

This helps the children understand how some changes can't be reversed but some like the chocolate melting can be reversed.

In Letters and Sounds this week we have focused on **or, ar, ur** and **ow**. Tricky words have included **he, me, be, she, we** and **was**.

Please return all PE kits and ensure all kit and uniform is labelled with your child's name. This week a child has lost a new jumper aged 5-6 and has instead a 4-5 one, could you check your child has the correct one so we can swap them over if not.

Weekly snack money is £1.50. If you are having difficulty paying for snack please speak to your child's class teacher. During our weekly shopping trip one little boy noticed coconuts at a reduced price of 43p. A bargain! Lots of children said they had never tasted coconut so it was definitely a good buy. We researched how to open it, then followed the instructions we were given. We discovered lots of interesting facts. Ask your child if they can remember them if not do a little research with your child as a reminder. We discovered how to check if the coconut was fresh enough to eat, how to get the coconut water out and how to make coconut milk. We also did coin sorting and counting using the snack money in readiness for the supermarket visit.

Today is Miss Melling's last day with us as she leaves to have her baby which is due mid February. We can't wait to meet him and she promises she will bring him in to see us as soon as she can.

A reminder of the **Storytelling** workshop on Wednesday 20th January between 2-3pm. If you can come along I promise it will be really useful giving you lots of simple ideas of things to do with your child to help with their storytelling. *If a child can tell a story they will be able to write a story but if they can't tell a story this really hinders the writing process no matter how old they are.* If you would like to come and you have misplaced the letter let your child's class teacher know so we can ensure the room is big enough for all who would like to attend.

*Best Wishes*  
*Reception Staff*

