

# Reception Newsletter

29th January 2016

## This week in Reception

In Letters and Sounds this week we have focused on **er** ( e.g hammer, letter, rocker and so on) which is the final phoneme/grapheme correspondence within phase 3 *Letters and Sounds*. We will now spend time consolidating all phase 2 and phase 3 phonemes so when the children enter phase 4 they can represent each of the 42 phonemes (how the letter/s **sound**) by a grapheme (how the letter/s are **written**). We will be looking for children who are using and applying all the letter sounds we have learnt within their writing and reading. Tricky words have included **her, all** and **are**. I have included a list of all phase 2 and phase 3 graphemes for your information.

In maths we have been ordering numbers using numicon and thinking about more/less and more/fewer.

Continuing with our dinosaur theme we have been making dinosaurs using different shapes and labelling their body parts. We also made pictures using straws to look like dinosaur skeletons.

Dinosaur Darren spent the day with us on Monday. You can view photographs on the website. Children pretended they were palaeontologists and really enjoyed the day. Once again the children's behaviour was commented on, he said he really looks forward to coming to our school as the children's behaviour is excellent and they are a credit to you and the school.

A library visit is arranged for Monday afternoon (Mrs Riley's class). We will be leaving school at 1.15pm and will return for home time. If you are able to walk along with us we would be really grateful. Please let us know on Monday morning so we know how many extra helpers we may need. Many thanks. We are waiting for a date for Mrs Bennett's class to visit, as soon as it is arranged we will let you know.

Next week lots of activities are planned for the celebration of Chinese New Year. Maybe see if you can find out which animal 2016 is the year of, and what animal was named in the year your child was born. One of the teachers was born in the year of the horse which means she is a chatterbox! I wonder who it is? Lots of celebrations are planned in town next weekend if you have time to visit.

*Best Wishes*

*Reception Staff*



## Letters and Sounds

### Phase 2

s a t p i n  
m d g o c k  
ck e u r h b  
f ff l ll ss

### Phase 3

j v w x y z  
zz qu ch sh th ng  
ai ee igh oa oo ar  
or ur ow oi ear air  
ure er

## Tricky Words

### Phase 2

to the no  
go to I

### Phase 3

he she we me  
be was my you  
they her all  
are