

# Reception Newsletter

9th October 2015

## This week in Reception

Continuing with the theme of Being Healthy the children are enjoying the variety of healthy foods on the snack table. Some children tried malt loaf for the first time and hummus and discovered they liked it even though at first they weren't too sure. To develop their fine motor skills the children cut up sticks of celery, peppers and cucumber to dip in. We also have a small rose plant on the snack table. We talked with the children about the **changes** the plant goes through as it grows, how the buds open into flowers, about it needing water and so on. As part of the curriculum the children need to be aware of **change** and this a very visible way of seeing it on a daily basis. We also talked about how the trees are changing as Autumn is here.

In maths we made a chart showing what fruits we would like to make a fruit kebab. Strawberries and grapes were the most popular and pears were least popular. The children then wrote a shopping list to buy the fruit needed. The fruit kebabs were delicious and again the children had the opportunity to practise their fine motor skills when threading the fruit onto the skewers.

Phonemes (letter sounds) introduced this week were r and h. We have been focusing on rhyming words and blending phonemes to make words. If you hear your child talking about robot arms we talk in robot speak and this helps us to blend letter sounds together, eg f-o-x fox, f-i-sh fish and so on. This will help us when reading.

We have been assessing children's maths and literacy skills which the children are enjoying would you believe as they constantly ask **when is it my turn?** It is done in a very relaxed way and the children are completely unaware they are being assessed.

Many thanks for the autumn leaves, conkers, acorns etc which were sent in to school. We have used them for counting, for comparing size, shape and colour and have printed with them to create an Autumn Display. We found out this week from a child in Year 2 (who were learning about collective nouns) that a group of hedgehogs is called a prickle! Did you know that? We didn't!

For your information

Monday	IPads
Tuesday	French
Wednesday	Music with Mr Lucas
Thursday	Singing Assembly with Mr Lucas    PE with Miss Quinn
Friday	Praise Assembly

If you have any further queries please feel free to speak to any member of the Early Years Team.

Best Wishes

The Reception Staff

