

Reception Newsletter

16th October 2015

This week in Reception

Many thanks for your support in attending Parents Evening this week. The children are really settling in well to *big* school and have made lots of new friends. Their Learning Journey Files are available for you to look at any time. I'm pleased to say the **2Simple App** has now been sorted so we can begin sending you photographs of your child. If you haven't already done so please send your email address to school.

In **Letters and Sounds** this week we have looked at f/ff, l/ll, s/ss and j. We know that we would not see a double letter at the beginning of a word but in the middle or the end, e.g. huff, dolly, miss and so on. We have also been thinking about rhyming words and reading story books with rhyming words and seeing if we can spot them.

Continuing with Being Healthy this week we have focussed on exercise and how this keeps our heart healthy and feeling puffed out and hot is good as it means we are exercising as hard as we can.

We will be sending reading books home next week which are linked to the weekly words we have been sending home. A few minutes each night with the words cut up and played like a game will really help your child when beginning on their reading journey. Having a good memory is a vital skill when learning to read especially when the words are **tricky** words rather than words which can be sounded out and blended together.

Our outdoor focus this week was based on number. One of the activities involved conkers which led to us seeing a squirrel (once we had all come inside) collecting and eating the conkers. We also planted hyacinth bulbs which we will be keeping an eye on to observe changes in the coming months.

Emma the vicar from St. Anne's Church has invited all children to enter a Christmas Card competition. Your child can design a Christmas Card which may be selected to be used as the official Christmas Card from St. Anne's Church. Have a try, you never know.

Just a reminder at 9:00am please allow your child to come into the classroom on their own as they have all settled into school. We always have a member of staff to help with coats and bags if needed. It does mean the class can settle straightaway. Any latecomers please come through the school office again so as not to interrupt the class.

Many thanks for your continued support

Best Wishes

The Reception Staff

