

Reception Newsletter

This week in Reception

Our daily phonic lessons are going really well. Up to now we have focussed on the letter sounds (phonemes) s, a, t, p, i, n, m and d. Ask your child if they can spot any on your way home from school as shop names or when shopping on labels and so on. This week we have sent words home for your child to learn these words will help your child when reading. These will be checked by the middle of next week and a new set sent home on Friday if your child can recognise the words.

We have been singing lots of number rhymes involving adding numbers and taking numbers away as a way of introducing maths language. Rhymes such as **5 Little Ducks went swimming one day, 5 Little Speckled Frogs, 1 2 3 4 5 Once I caught a fish alive** are great number songs the children enjoy singing and they can use their fingers as they count. Nursery Rhyme CD's are quite cheap to buy in Home and Bargain, The Works and so on.

We had a visit by BullyBusters this week who talked to the children about being friends and what to do if ever they feel upset in school.

PE kits can be brought to school and kept in school until half-term. Children will begin to get un/dressed for PE in a couple of weeks time so please encourage your child at home to get un/dressed themselves as much as possible. Please make sure all your child's uniform and coat is labelled with their name. This makes lost items much easier to find.

We have started going into the hall with Mr Lucas (our music teacher) for a singing assembly which the children love. We have some great singers and movers. Mr Lucas teaches music in Reception each Wednesday.

A reminder that snack is £1:00 per week. The children, in small groups of 4, visit Asda with their own shopping lists of healthy snacks and drinks they would like to buy for the snack table. It's a great way to embed reading, writing and number.

Please send your email details to school if you haven't done so already so we can send photographs of your child and their learning through the school day.

The school photographer is in school on Monday 10th October.

A reminder that the maroon school bag needs to be brought each day to bring daily library books backwards and forwards to school. The aim is to create a daily reading habit to encourage a love of reading. Research shows that children who develop a love of books at an early age have a greater chance of succeeding in school. Bed-time is an ideal time to share a book.

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

Don't forget to check the school website and Twitter for more information about your child in school.

Best Wishes
The Reception Staff

