

# Reception Newsletter

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This week we noticed birds building nests in the trees and bird boxes in the front playground. This led to discussions about the seasons and changes which are happening at this time of year. We found lots of plants beginning to grow and went on a hunt looking for the tallest daffodil we could find and where could we find the most daffodils. We then estimated how many there were and then counted to see who was the closest. Activities like this not only makes us aware of **change** around us but also helps to embed our maths learning in a real and fun way.

In phonics we have continued to revise all the phase 3 grapheme and phoneme correspondences as well as the tricky words. We have also introduced the words digraph and trigraph. A *digraph* is two letters that make one sound.

The *digraph* can be made up of vowels or consonants, for example: In the word ship, the two letters sh make only one sound. A *trigraph* is a single sound that is represented by three letters, for example: In the word igh as in sigh.

In maths we have continued to look at halving numbers. Linking halving to doubling enables the children to link the two together. Problems have included: If Spiderman has 10 webs and he wants to give half to Spidergirl. How many will she have? 5 and 5 makes 10. Double 5 is 10. Half of 10 is 5.

Many thanks for your support over this last half-term. Let's hope we have some sunshine next week!

Best Wishes

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