

# Reception Newsletter

**27th January 2017**

This week the children as a class contributed to mind maps based on each Superhero then some children had a go at making their own. The children made Superhero masks independently, it was great to see such focus and the different ideas the children had. There was some discussion based around what could be used to fasten the masks so we could wear them. The children did really well. The Superhero den is now being used. Miss Search made superhero capes for the children to wear, see the school twitter account for photographs. Inside the den the children answer emergency phone calls and then have to complete an incident sheet before they go off to the rescue. This gives the children the opportunity to embed their literacy skills.

In Phonics, as we are coming towards the end of Phase 3, we learnt the phoneme **er** ( as in hammer and ladder) and **ure** (as in pure and cure).

In maths the focus has been doubling as well as solving addition and subtraction problems.

On Tuesday Miss Melling's class visited Old Swan library. Many thanks to those who were able to help out on the day.

In Mrs Riley's class the children made dough using a cup of plain flour and a couple of squirts of washing up liquid. This was then used for dough disco. This activity develops the strength in the children's fingers, hands, arms and shoulders which has a positive impact on their handwriting. The children squeeze the dough and dance each finger into the ball of dough alongside music playing. If you would like to know more please speak to a member of staff. The children really enjoyed it. Miss Melling's class will be making their dough next week.

Many thanks to all who have returned the questionnaire sent home by Miss Lawrenson. If you haven't returned yours yet she would be really grateful if you could spend a few minutes completing it and returning it to school.

Best Wishes

Reception Staff

