

Reception Class Newsletter



Dear Parents / Carers,

Friday 1st October 2021

Now that the children are settled and familiar with our rules and routines Phonic Assessments have taken place. Read Write Inc phonics, is a scheme we use in school to teach letter sounds, segmenting, blending, letter formation and the rules of reading. We learn a letter sound each day and practise writing the letter using the phrase that goes with it e.g for the letter 'a' it is "Round the apple and down the leaf." This week we have learnt the following letter sounds m, a, s, t and d. It was lovely to hear our Nursery children remembering some of the letter sounds from last year. We will still continue to use phase one phonics such as rhymes and rhyming words. Education City has activities that supports both phase one and phase 2 phonics.

At the moment (and for a short time) an app called **Teach Your Monster To Read** is free to download. It makes learning to read fun and covers everything from letters and sounds to reading in full sentences and it complements all the synthetic phonics that we have been learning in class. You only need an email address to register.



We have also been busy in Maths this week our focus has been 'matching and sorting'. We read the story *The Button Box* by Margarett S. Reid and have been sorting buttons ourselves, discussing why they are the same and why they are different.

Miss Quinn has been very impressed in her P.E. lessons. This half term focus is multi—skills. Children are developing their hand-eye coordination and this week have played hula hoop games such as spinning the hula hoop and catching it, keeping the hula hoop up at waist height (with their hands) and moving around the hall without bumping into their friends. This gives them spatial awareness.

If you still have your emergency contact forms at home can you please fill them in and return them to school ASAP.

Enjoy the weekend.
Reception Staff