

Reception Class Newsletter



Dear Parents / Carers,

Friday 14th January 2022

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely break over the Christmas holidays. We have all been sharing our news of what we got up to whilst off school. We have all come back to school in 2022 refreshed, full of enthusiasm and ready for what the rest of the school year has for us.

In maths this week we have been using new vocabulary, 'equal', 'same', 'fair', 'unfair' and 'different' as well as using vocabulary we came across last term 'more' and 'fewer'. We have used these words in discussion and problem solving. E.g. *Discussing if items have been shared fairly. If not, how do we know? How can we make it fair?* Children are using these words confidently and correctly and are becoming more confident when discussing their reasoning, sharing their maths knowledge and are moving on from saying "It just is" or "I just know".

We have enjoyed having the Bee-Bots in class using the navigation mats to programme the Bee-Bots. We combined our phonic knowledge and programmed the Bee-Bots to move around the alphabet mats to spell CVC words. This was another activity that supported our problem solving and thinking skills. There is a Bee-Bot app you can download onto iPads and tablets and also an online game that children can play on a computer or laptop to support programming skills (<https://beebot.terrapinlogo.com/>). The Bee-Bots encourage the use of directional language such as 'forwards', 'backwards', 'turn left', 'turn right'.



You may have heard the phrase 'red words' or 'tricky words'. These are words we have introduced in our phonic lessons. They are words we have to be able to read by sight and if we tried sounding them out they would not blend correctly and sound a little silly. The words we have been learning so far are: *I, no, the, my, of*. There is a 'Tricky Word Rap' that we like on YouTube (type into YouTube 'tricky word rap'). These words displayed in the classroom and are already seeing them being used in writing.

We were happy to have Miss Quinn and Mr Lucas back with us this week, due to starting back at school on Wednesday last week we did not get to see them. Tuesday mornings are very popular in Reception.

Have a great weekend