

# Reception Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

Friday 21st January 2022

We have had some visitors in Reception this week. On Monday Mr Gillespie from LSSP (Liverpool School Sports Partnership) came into school with balance bikes. He will be in school every Monday morning this half term. This weeks focus was gliding and steering. Gliding is when speed is built up on the bike then both feet are taken off the floor and the bike continues to move and children keep their balance. Some children picked this up quickly whilst others found it a little tricky. We have balance bikes in our outdoor provision, will continue to practise these skills to build confidence. Mr Gillespie was impressed with how many children could already ride a 2 wheeled bike.

On Wednesday, coach Hannah from LSSP came into school to play multi-skills games; This involved skills such as balancing bean bags on different parts of the body whilst slowly walking from one cone to another, bouncing a ball whilst moving around an obstacle course, 'frog jumping' (squat jumping) into hoops and more other fun games. The children made Coach Hannah very happy with how well they worked in their teams, helping, encouraging and supporting each other and she was amazed by their balancing skills.

Our phonic sessions this week have focused on reading and writing CVC words. Children are encouraged to say sounds speedy, this is to support their reading. If children say each sound quite slowly and not fluently by the time they have said the last sound they often struggle to remember the beginning sound and can not read the word correctly. Check out our Twitter page [@stannestanley2](https://twitter.com/stannestanley2) to see some video clips of children blending and reading CVC words.

In math's we have focused on counting 1:1 (one to one) to check how many there is 'altogether' and checking we are counting properly, pointing to or touching each object once when we count and saying one number at a time. We have been investigating number bonds of 5 using a 'five frame' to support this e.g "How many buttons are on the fives frame? How many boxes are empty? So \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ makes 5."

Our curriculum did have many changes this year some very challenging for young children yet the progress we are seeing shows the children are up for the challenge and we would like to thank you for your support. If you would like to find out more about the EYFS please use the link below.

<https://foundationyears.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf>

Have a lovely weekend

Reception Team