

Reception Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

Friday 4th March 2022

Welcome back after the half term break. It is lovely to see everyone refreshed. Children were excited to see their friends and share their half term news. Monday snack time was a very chatty one.

I am sure you will agree how fabulous everyone looked yesterday, dressing up for World Book Day. We enjoyed many activities throughout the day and even had a visit from of the older children of our school. They came with a book and read to Reception children. It really is lovely to hear the enjoyment in children's voices when they are reading a good book and equally to see the enjoyment on children's faces when they are listening and engrossed. If you haven't done so already check out our school Twitter page to see how World Book Day 2022 has been celebrated in St Anne's.

Booktrust states "Sharing stories, books and rhymes promotes strong and loving relationships and secure attachment". Realising how busy everyone's lives are, finding time to share a book is so valuable not only to encourage a love of reading and develop vocabulary but also to "be in the moment" with your child. The majority of children bring their book bag daily to choose a new book to take home. Staff do keep track of children who do this as with their weekly reading book which is sent home on a Friday and is to be returned the following Tuesday. Any problems, let a member of staff know and this can be sorted quickly and will prevent your child from becoming at risk at falling behind with their reading.

You may have heard your child singing a song to the tune of 'The Adams Family'. This links to part of our maths this week when we read Jaspers Beanstalk and spoke about the days of the week and linking to time (in Early Years when learning about Time relates to before, next/after, yesterday, tomorrow, this morning, this afternoon etc). Children used the song to help order the days of the week and sequence what Jasper did on each day to grow his beanstalk. We then used non-standard units of measure e.g, multi-link cubes to measure the height of different beanstalks. Not only did this reinforce vocab of tall, taller, tallest, short, shorter, shortest, it also allowed children to share their number knowledge and reasoning when comparing the amount of cubes the beanstalk measured. E.g "This beanstalk is five cubes tall and this one is seven cubes tall. Seven is more than five, that one is bigger." We really are becoming super mathematicians.

As part of PSHE this week we read a story that promoted good manners and saying "thank you." We discussed when we might say thank you here are some of the suggestions that we came up with; when our parents make us a drink, if we receive a present, if someone holds a door open or lets us past, when the bus driver gives you change. We have been listening carefully to each other to make sure we are all using good manners and kind words to each other.

Don't forget to send in any WOW moments, we enjoy sharing these and they are placed in your child's Learning Journey.

Have a good weekend.