

Reception Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

Friday 17th June 2022

Welcome back to the last half term of the year. It was lovely to see all of the children returning to school with smiling faces, ready to see their friends and share their half term news.

Before the half term Miss Sargent our Phonics Lead, completed phonic assessments and children have been regrouped to suit their ability and further their learning. Children have settled quickly into their phonic groups and are impressing their teachers when applying their phonic knowledge. Oxford Owl and Education City are a great way to further support your child's learning at home.

Before half term we introduced 'doubling'. At the beginning of the week we recapped this and have now moved onto halving numbers up to 10. Children have completed activities to explore halving, sharing items into two groups and checking they have shared them fairly by counting the object in each group. Using the sentence "Half of ____ is ____", children were able to show their knowledge and understanding.

This week in Literacy we read Jill Murphy's book 'Whatever Next!'. The book was introduced by children looking closely at the front cover of the book and sharing with their friends what they thought the story was about or what they thought would happen. This linked with the Communication and Language area of the EYFS Curriculum, children being able to 'articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences.' Once we read the book we checked the ideas children had come up with to see if they had guessed correctly. We spoke about what happened at the beginning, middle and end and used picture cards to show the sequence. The writing focus was 'What would you take to the moon?' Lots of children chose wisely, taking food— in case they got hungry, toys to play with, drinks and some even wanted to take their family.

We have gently began talking about 'moving to Year 1'. We are aware some children may feel a little unsettled or anxious about it. We are dropping it in subtly and will continue to do this. Transition to Year 1 is planned carefully and will take place during July.

Today we said goodbye to both Miss Gibbons and Mr Douglas. They have completed their first year of university and we wish them the best of luck for the future.

Enjoy the weekend