

Reception Newsletter



Dear Parents, Guardians and Families,

Friday 29th September 2023



With autumn fast approaching and the strong winds of storm Agnes, Reception children have had an interesting week observing seasonal changes as part of our science curriculum (Understanding the World, the Natural World). We talked about the four seasons and how the weather differs between them. The children were keen to point out how

much colder and wetter the weather had been this week and we also talked about the changes in the trees, looking closely at autumn treasures such as acorns, conkers, helicopter seeds and fallen leaves.



With lots of talk about storm Agnes and her strong winds, we had a go at making our own mini tornados using empty pop bottles, water and food colouring. The children worked together to carefully fill the empty pop bottle with water from a jug. They then measured out a small drop of food colouring which they added to the water before sealing a second empty bottle onto the filled one. The children then watched carefully as we turned the bottles upside down and gave them a little shake - they were amazed to see a little tornado forming between the neck of the two bottles!



Nursery and Reception children have also been working hard to help service the bikes and scooters in our outdoor area this week. They have been helping our volunteer, Mr Greenwood (otherwise known as Mrs Jones' dad) blow up tyres, tighten nuts and bolts and oil rusty gear chains! These life skills will hopefully help the children to learn responsibility as they develop a sense of cleaning, repairing, and maintaining the various bicycles. Many of the skills are also extremely beneficial with the development of the children's gross and fine motor skills. These skills are a crucial way in which children learn and develop physically and cognitively by aiding in



self-confidence, hand-eye co-ordination, balance, as well as giving children a sense of their own abilities. Gross motor development also helps children build the endurance to do fine motor tasks, like writing or drawing, for longer periods of time too!

We look forward to another exciting week as October starts - see you on Monday ☺

Mrs Jones and Mrs Clements

PRIMARY LUNCH MENU



Week 6 w/c 2nd Oct	MEAT FREE	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday Census Day	Friday
Soup of the Day	Chef Choice	Tomato and Basil	Broccoli and Cheddar	Chef Choice	Chinese Sweetcorn
Main Meal	Vegan Ravioli in Homemade Tomato Sauce served with Crusty Bread	Slow Cooked Chicken Tagine served with Cous Cous and Greek Yoghurt Dip	Homemade Chicken Tikka Curry with wholegrain Rice, Green Beans and Mango Chutney	Chef Choice	Fish Fingers served with Chips and Garden Peas
Meat Free Main Meal	Spanish Omelette	Roasted Red Pepper Quiche	Vegan Jambalaya	Chef Choice	Veggie Sausage Roll
Side dish	Pasta	Cous Cous	Basmati Rice	Chef Choice	Chips
Vegetable	Tomatoes	Cauliflower	Green Beans	Chef Choice	Garden Peas
Dessert	Fresh Fruit Salad	Shortbread Biscuits	Sponge Cake topped with Jam and whipped Cream	Chef Choice	Cheese and Crackers

Jacket Potatoes with tuna, cheese or
beans, Salad, Hummus, Fresh Fruit &
Yoghurts available daily

Ask Chef about the Daily Special

Please speak to a member of school
staff about any dietary requirements

Activate menu
Go to settings

Read Write Inc.

Phonics

Dear Parents and Carers,

Your child has been working really hard in phonics on learning to recognise and form the letter sounds shown overleaf. We have also been practicing playing lots of simple games using “Fred Talk” which will hopefully help your child to blend (a skill that will help them to sound out words when they begin to read independently).

On the reverse of this letter are some short video lessons and activities for you to work on and to practice with at home (this will hopefully help your child to build up their fluency and confidence which in turn will help them with their independent reading, spelling and writing as we progress through the *Read Write Inc.* programme).

The video links are valid until 7.00pm on the 26th November and can be used over and over again up until this time.

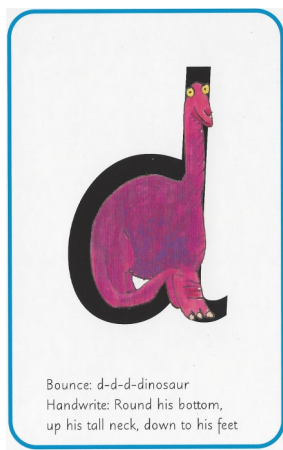
To access the video lessons, scan the QR code on any Android device that has a camera (your mobile phone, iPad, tablet, etc.) Alternately, type in the web address (displayed below each QR code).

We hope you will find these lessons useful. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us 😊

Thank you once again for your continued support 😊

Mrs Jones and Mrs Clements

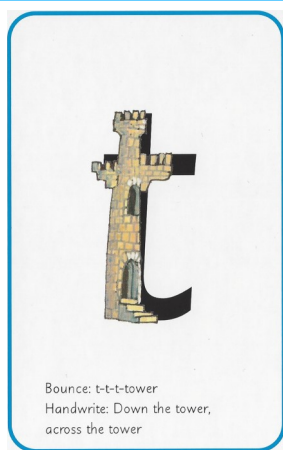




d



<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/8ib9FpZf/ehl5ulrO>



t



<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Pk15jHM2/AWHoisWz>



i



<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/7CXd4BG8/YbMbPn2h>



Read Write Inc.
Fred Games - Fred says
Fred says - actions 1



<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/IiZI1o3C/pgnMDVWb>