

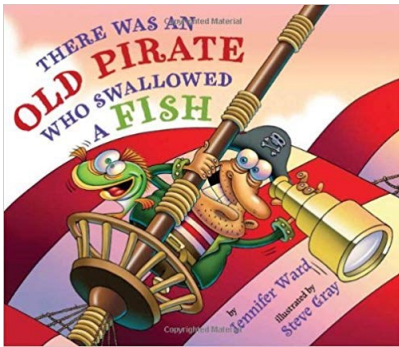
# Reception Newsletter



Friday 5th July 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for sharing your comments on our parent feedback form sent home with your child's report last week. We enjoyed reading them and have passed them on to Mrs Simons.



In line with our current pirate theme and our anchor text for this half term 'Times and Rhymes' by Avelyn Davidson. We have been reading and re-reading a pirate-themed rhyming story 'There was an old pirate who swallowed a fish' by Jennifer Ward. The book prompted plenty of learning opportunities linked to rhyming and sequencing using the language of first, next, after that and in the end.



We have continued our current maths focus on sharing and grouping. Building on the children's developing understanding, we challenged them to share and group different amounts of shells using questions such as 'Can the shells be shared equally?' 'Is there an odd or even number of shells?' 'If I made 4 equal groups, how many shells would be in each group?' and 'If I placed 3 shells in each group, how many groups would I have?' We explored each question using the shells as manipulatives to demonstrate the steps involved in solving sharing and grouping-based problems.

This week Reception began their transition to Year 1. The children visited their new classroom and met their new teacher and teaching assistant. We are so very proud of how the children embraced their transition; excitedly exploring their new surroundings and getting to know their new adults! Miss Murphy and I are not quite as ready as they are!

Thank you for your continued support,  
Mrs Bell & Miss Murphy