

# Reception Class Newsletter

28<sup>th</sup>February 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back after the half term break. The children have settled well back into routines.

In maths, the concept of Time has been a focus. Using a one minute sand timer the children had to perform different activities to see how many they could do within one minute. First they estimated then they recorded the actual amount. This is a nice activity to try at home, e.g. how many star jumps in one minute, how many times they can sing a certain song, how many times they can catch a ball and so on. We have also been talking about the order of the days of the week and naming the days of the week and discussing certain things that we do on set days. On Wednesday we have PE and Music for example. Vocabulary used included, yesterday, tomorrow, next week, last week, the weekend,..... In number work the focus has been on numbers 9 and 10. Activities included sorting for groups of objects representing 9/not9 and 10/not 10. Vocabulary included fewer than and more than. The children found different ways to represent 9 and 10. Songs and stories found on YouTube which link to Time and Number include:

- Five Minutes Peace J Murphy
- Mr Wolf's Week C Hawkins
- A Dark, Dark Tale R Brown
- Jasper's Beanstalk N Butterworth
- 9 Naughty Kittens L Jennings
- 10 Little Fingers and 10 Little Toes M Fox
- Cockatoos Q Blake
- How do Dinosaurs Count to Ten? J Yolen
- Anno's Counting Book M Anno

In Happy Minds we have started the section on "Relate". The children had to think of what would be a "Good Friend Recipe". Each child thought about their friends and what qualities they had which makes them a good friend, a good listener, always kind, shares, takes turns and so on. The children had the opportunity to apply their phonic skills when writing which was lovely to see how much progress is being made since on-entry in September.

Many thanks as always for your support,

Reception Staff