

Reception Class Newsletter

2nd May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

In maths the focus has been on representing numbers to 20 with a specific target of illustrating numbers 10-13 using numicon, beads and unifix cubes. Recognising that 10 is one ten and no more, 11 is one ten and one more, 12 is one ten and two more etc, the children being able to represent these numbers visually has been key which will help future maths understanding and learning. Knowing what number comes before and after/next is also something we have been working on, i.e. thinking of the number 13, 12 comes before and 14 comes next/after. You could support this at home with your child maybe by just thinking of different random numbers, write a number line on a piece of paper if needed, use fingers or objects to support.

New phonic groups are now in place. If you do have any questions about your child's progress please do speak to a member of staff. Some children may be repeating previous home reading books. Please don't worry if this is the case. When assessing the children Miss Sargeant (Phonics Lead) commented that the children are doing well in letter sound recognition and their ability to blend letter sounds together to make a word but a focus is on "speedy" reading. Again if you do have any queries please come and speak to us.

The group of children who take part in NELI (a speech and language intervention) have now progressed on to the second part. Assessments will be taking place to monitor progress and check the impact of this programme.

The Happy Minds Project has now moved on to "ENGAGE" for the summer term. The focus has been on setting a class goal that all children can achieve, it can be something new or just simply to get better at something. More information can be found on the Reception Twitter page @stannestanleyf2.

On Wednesday we had a special visitor from a member of the DogsTrust. The children learnt how to behave in loving, kind and safe ways around dogs.

- When dogs are eating, give them some space.
- When dogs are sleeping give them some space.
- Show dogs love by gentle strokes with your hand.
- If a dog moves away, you must let them go!

Reception Staff