

Reception Class Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As part of an initiative funded by the Department for Education our school is offered access to a programme called Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI). The programme is designed for reception pupils and involves providing targeted small group and one-to-one support for children who would benefit from additional support with their language and early literacy skills.

The NELI programme begins with an assessment using a tablet-based assessment called LanguageScreen. This assessment is to help us understand who may benefit most from receiving the NELI intervention. LanguageScreen is a short (approx. 10 minutes) fun activity for children which gives useful information about children's language skills. The assessment is used again at the end of the school year to help us see how children's language skills have benefited from the NELI intervention. This programme will take over from WellComm.



The children are progressing well within their phonics lessons, thank you for supporting your child's learning at home. The impact is definitely seen within their weekly assessment.

In Maths "One More" and "One Less" has been revisited. Children are encouraged to use the sentence "One more than 3 is 4", "One less than 3 is 2" and to model this using their fingers. Following last week's teaching children have been using the specific vocabulary, "part", "whole", "altogether" when exploring numbers, for example, "3 is a part, 2 is a part, 5 is the whole", "3 and 2 make 5 altogether".



An EYFS Lead meeting attended last week gave a huge focus to the concerns of poor dental health in the North West. Shocking statistics show approximately one third of 5 year olds have tooth decay and tooth extraction is the most common procedure in 5-9 year olds at Alder Hey. We had a visit from the School Health Support Workers last week who spoke to the children about how they can look after their teeth. The children have brought home a Tooth Brushing Chart which can be used at home. Toothbrushes and toothpaste have already been sent home. If you do require more please ask a member of staff.

Many thanks for your continued support,
Reception Staff