

Reception Class Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In maths this week revision of one less and one more has taken place, encouraging children to show on a "5 frame" using counters or using their fingers to say for example "4 and one more is 5" and "4 and one less is 3". Often children find "one more" easier to understand than "one less", but by explaining it is the same as "taking away" the concept of "less" becomes clearer. Quick recall of number bonds to 5 has also been a focus this week.



Today we had the opportunity of having a Healthy, Happy, Active workshop arranged by Miss Quinn (the school PE Lead). The aim of which is to bring key health wellbeing messages to the children in a fun and engaging way. The children had to help "Hope" Bear prepare for a picnic and discover the differences that changes in the food we eat can have on our health. Children had to choose healthy options for the bear to take on a picnic.

In "Happy Minds" the idea of "appreciation" has been introduced. The children took part in discussions about people in their lives who they appreciate, who they are grateful and thankful for and also give reasons why they feel this. The range of answers as you can imagine was vast from one little girl saying she was grateful to her Mum and Dad who made cookies with her for father Christmas to a Nan who gives really big hugs !!!!

The children have been assessed using NELI, a speech and language assessment. For those children who require the NELI daily intervention, parents will be informed and will also be given information on a weekly basis of how the programme can be supported at home. This will then give greater impact. The NELI programme has been running in school for a number of years and is very successful at ensuring children when they move to Year 1 are at the expected standard in "using and understanding language".

Enjoy the weekend.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Reception Staff