

Reception Class Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In maths this week the focus has been mass and capacity. When using balance scales to weigh two objects, the children have compared using the vocabulary, heavier, lighter, balance scales, higher, lower, mass and equal. The children had to find the mass of an object using cubes. Comparing the capacity of containers, vocabulary used included, full, shallow, tall, thin, narrow and wide.



Following the Healthy, Happy, Active workshop last week, the children completed the worksheet which was left for them by remembering and then illustrating healthy food and drink. A copy of this has been sent home for you to complete at home if you have time.

The focus text for this half-term is Mr Gumpy's Outing by John Burningham. This is a well known children's author and is a story using predictable text which the children can join in with once they have heard it a few times. The story can be found on YouTube.

Over this half-term other texts used will include Get off our train by John Burningham, Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see? by Bill Martin Jr and Blown Away by Rob Biddulph.

National Literacy Trust states "There can be few things as powerful as regularly reading to a young child". The benefits include: comfort and reassurance, confidence and security, relaxation, happiness and fun. Giving a child time and full attention when reading them a story tells them they matter especially when our days are so busy! Not only does it build self-esteem, vocabulary, feeds imagination it can even



improve sleeping patterns if sharing a book at bed time. Sharing a story book can often take a backseat to screen time. Government data evidences that time spent on a screen is increasing rapidly. When used appropriately, technology can provide an important route in to reading. Reading is a skill which needs to be taught but this must go hand in hand with reading for pleasure.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Reception Staff