

Reception Class Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week we had a visit from our school's Consultant Trainer based with the Read Write Inc Programme. Each class was visited alongside Miss Sargeant, the school Phonics Lead. She was very pleased with the progress the children are making and said to pass on her appreciation to the parents who she can see are working hard at home supporting their child on a weekly basis. Without this support our teaching in school would not be having as much impact. Supporting phonics at home enables the children to revisit and embed the learning which is happening at school. Thank you. The target is to ensure children are reading with confidence, fluency, understanding and enjoyment as they come to the end of their first year in school.

In maths, teaching is focused on giving children a deep understanding of number to 10, including how each number is made up. One little girl made a visit to Miss Nurse, the school Maths Lead to show off her mathematical skills. During independent time within the continuous provision, using numicon, she had explored many different ways of making 10 and also recorded it. 1 and 9, 9 and 1, 2 and 8, 8 and 2, 3 and 7, 7 and 3, 4 and 6, 6 and 4, 5 and 5. She also recorded 3 numbers which made 10, 2 and 3 and 5 and so on. Miss Nurse was very impressed. Being Year 1 ready will include the children being able to automatically recall number bonds to 5 (including addition and subtraction) and some number bonds to 10, including double facts.

Within "Understanding the World" the children continue to learn about the "past". During discussion children are encouraged to comment on images of familiar situations in the past and compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past. This is quite a difficult concept for young children yet comparing for example telephones to when Nans and Grandads were young to phones in use today they are very different. One little boy commented there would have been no FaceTime which he uses to speak to his Nan who lives a long way away yet this was not available many years ago. A long time ago the phone was connected to the house and if you were not at home no one could call you as there were no mobile phones then! The children were amazed to learn this.



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