

# Reception Newsletter

9<sup>th</sup> June 2023



We have had a super first week back!

In our topic sessions we have enjoyed the stories of 'Commotion in the Ocean' and 'There's a Hole in the Bottom of the Sea'. We have sorted sea creatures, looking at whether they can sometimes come onto land or not. We have looked at a world map and a globe to see the seas, and found out that we call a big sea an ocean.

In phonics we have been reading and writing words with 4 sounds, usually including 1 digraph. We are revising lots of the tricky words, we notice that many children are unsure of these. As we cannot sound them out, it is really important that the children can read these 'quick as a flash'. Please do keep practising them at home as you are reading. Thank you!

In maths we have been thinking about doubles, which is 2 of the same amount. We have found double dominoes and written double number sentences (eg  $2+2=4$ ) The children should be able to show you doubles with their fingers!

We have also been thinking about different ways to make 10, such as 4 and 6, 3 and 7, 9 and 1. The children will use these number facts a lot in Year 1.

The first outside PE session was great fun. We are starting to practice skills needed for our sports day, which is coming soon! The first thing we needed to be able to do was stop when we hear the whistle, which is quite hard when the field is so big and exciting!!

The weather has been exceptionally variable this week. Many of the children have wanted to wear a coat at the beginning of the day, and then needed a sun hat by mid-morning. It is really important that the children are ready to go outside, whatever the weather.

Please do send a sunhat into school EVERY DAY, even if it looks as if it may be cloudy. It does not need to be a school one. It can stay in school or come every day. Sunglasses are only worn for medical reasons on the big playground. Thank you for your support.

*The new half term home learning challenge is in bookbags tonight. It is linked to our topic this half term, and we know that the children will really enjoy doing this craft project with you. As with the farm poster, please send it in at any time over the next few weeks, when you have completed it. Thank you for your support!*

Have a super weekend!