

Reception Newsletter

11th October 2019



We are delighted with how well the children are doing with their phonics!

We have learnt 4 new sounds this week... **g, o, c, k**.

We have sorted **g**oats, **g**lued **g**reen onto **g**old, made playdough tentacles for an **o**ctopus, played the **o**n/**o**ff game outside, put **c**andles on playdough **c**akes, done some **c**razy **c**utting and matched different **k**ey.

The children are remembering the sounds and actions very well. We know that they have been practising with you, which is making their recall much quicker...fantastic!

We have been so pleased with your response to the home learning tasks too. We are noticing that the children are starting to blend sounds to make words with more confidence and accuracy. The practise at home is helping so much. Thank you for your support!

Today your child has chosen a book with words that they can sound out and blend to read.

This is really exciting!

Your child will probably need a lot of help with this to start with and so please only do a couple of pages at a time if they (or you!) are finding it hard going! Remember that it is OK for them to sound out and then you to blend for them if they are unable to blend on their own. There may be a 'tricky word' in the book that you cannot sound out (eg *the* or *D*). If you come across one of these please just tell your child what the word says. We will teach tricky words in our phonics sessions.

Please do let us know how you get on in the reading record. If you want to keep the book for longer that is absolutely fine, just let us know in the reading record!

In our Maths sessions this week we have been focussing on ordering, counting and recognising numbers. We have looked at how a number can be recorded in many ways – patterns on a dice, fingers, in a line...and it will always be the same number. We have also talked about how you can show 5 fingers in different ways when you use 2 hands (5 and 0, 1 and 4, 2 and 3...).

We have been busy practising our Harvest songs. The children are singing beautifully. We went into a school assembly to sing this week and everyone was impressed with our class.

They sat and sang beautifully. We were very proud!

Next Wednesday we will be walking to the church for our school Harvest service. Sadly, there is no room for parents in the church. We are walking as a school with lots of adult supervision, wearing Hi-Viz waistcoats. Please send the children in suitable footwear and wearing a coat. Thank you!

We hope you have a lovely weekend!