



Reception Newsletter

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Dear Parents, We hope you had a lovely Christmas and we would like to welcome you back to a new year. The children thoroughly enjoyed our trip on the 'Santa Express'. All of the photos are on our school website so please have a look. You may have noticed our new 'Mud Kitchen' on the playground. The children will begin to use this from Monday. This is a valuable experience to encourage communication and language skills, imaginative play and problem solving. Apologies in advance if they come home a little muddy!

Well Done Assembly:

During the last fortnight these children have been super-stars at school.

Mrs Ritchie's Class:

James Bentley- For doing lots of extra work at home.

Louie Thomas- For going the extra mile with his space homework.

Miss Harper's Class:

Joseph Hoath- For working hard at home with his reading and sight words—he has moved up to yellow books this week.

Frankie Irish- For knowing his 3D shapes and describing them.

Bucket Filler-
Autumn Slyfield

Mikah Gilpin

Mrs Ritchie's Group

Literacy:

Gruffalos and Superworms: The children in these groups are focusing on recognising and blending words containing the 'ck' and 'ff' diagraphs. Children are also writing words containing these sounds. E.g. 'l-u-ck' 'p-u-ff'.

Tiddlers and Zogs: These children are learning the 'sh' and 'ch' diagraphs. Children have begun to independently blend real and silly words containing these sounds. E.g. 'ch-o-p' 'sh-i-p'.

Maths: The children have begun to recognise a range of 2D shapes e.g. Circle, square, triangle, rectangle etc and they are beginning to describe their properties. Can your child go on a shape hunt at home and list all the shapes they find around them in their yellow home/school book?

Miss Harper's Group

Literacy:

Gruffalos and Superworms: These children are learning the 'sh' and 'ch' diagraphs as we go fishing for them. They are beginning to independently blend words e.g. 'ch-o-p' 'sh-i-p'.

Tiddlers and Zogs: The children are enjoying fishing for initial sounds e.g. 'd'. They are also practising forming their letters.

Maths: The children are making a link between 2D and 3D shapes noticing similarities and comparing properties between them both. They are also sorting them to their properties e.g. Curved, straight etc. Can your child go on a shape hunt at home and list all the shapes they find around them in their yellow home/school book?

Important Information

We are currently trying to create a geography display in the Butterfly class to show all the places in the world the children have visited. Please bring in photos, postcards or write comments about the countries you have been too. Photos will be photocopied and returned to you.

If your child has received achievements outside of school in dance, Taekwondo, Football or any other activities please let us know so we can share this on our newsletter.

Home Learning

Due to having a break we have noticed that some of the children's pencil grip needs improving again so they can form their letters correctly. It would be great to see the children practising their handwriting in their yellow home/school books remembering to hold a pencil correctly and using their letter formation sheet to guide them.

