

Reception Newsletter

Friday 9th October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week in Literacy, we have been learning the sounds **i**, **n**, **m** and **d**. We have also blended to read and segmented to spell words, such as: sat, pin, tin, pan, and nip. This week's high frequency word has been '**and**'. We will continue to learn more new sounds next week.

The children are doing very well with the Jolly Phonics scheme; please keep practising the sounds at home. Once they have become familiar with the action, you can help them by covering up the picture so that they can only see the letter. They need to become confident at instantly recognising the letter shape and being able to say the sound that it makes e.g. s = "sssss" not "suh". In addition to this, we have begun to learn the High Frequency Words (HFW) that children need to be able to read, by sight, by the end of Reception. This week's words are: **in, at, is, it, an, as**.

In Numeracy this week, we have been working practically with numbers up to ten, counting our conkers, pine cones and leaves and recognising numerals. When we count an object, we ask the children to touch it or move it as they say the number. This helps them to count accurately. Next week, we will continue to practise counting and identifying who has the most or least objects.

In our topic work this week, we have been looking at our family photographs and talking about what we like to do when we are with our families. We have also introduced the Oxford Reading Tree (ORT) characters: Kipper, Biff, Chip, Mum and Dad and the children should be able to tell you something about them. These characters appear in many of the books in our reading scheme that your children will start to bring home when we have introduced more of the letter sounds and we feel they are confident at blending the sounds to make words.

Throughout the Reception year, we will be tracking each child's progress and development. This will enable us to create a learning record which is personal to your child. At different times throughout the year, you will be asked to contribute to this record, in order for us to have a holistic view of your child. This week we have included some questions about your child's physical development to help us gain a better insight into your child's abilities at home, what they can already do and what they need to practise more of. Your contributions to your child's learning are invaluable and will help us to focus on any specific areas for development in school.

This week's 'Talking Topic' is: Who is in my family?

Following on from learning about our new golden rules, this week's word of the week is: **Sharing**.

If you do have any concerns or questions do not hesitate to write them in your child's orange home/school book.

Many thanks
The Reception Team