

Reception Newsletter

Friday 13th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

In Literacy this week, we have learnt the sounds h, b, f and l. We have learnt to read and spell words such as **leg**, **bat**, **fit** and **hen** and learnt the tricky star words **he** and **she**. Next week, we will be learning more new sounds and tricky words.

The children have been working very hard to blend the sounds together and have been practising blending the sounds to read words and sentences in their reading book. Please use your child's reading diary to sign against each book title so that we know your child has read their book and are ready for a new one. You are welcome to make a comment to let us know how they got on with their reading at home. We will aim to change the reading scheme books every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The orange home/school books will still be used for any messages as normal.

This week in Numeracy, we have been learning about circles and triangles and that circles have one curved side and a triangle has 3 straight sides. We have been busy recognising circles and triangles both in the classroom and outside. We have shown the children a variety of different sized circles and triangles in different orientations and with sides of different lengths. You could challenge your child further and ask them to count how many triangles or circles they can find at home or when out on a local walk. Which did they find more of or less of? We have also been learning about positional language as we have practised describing how items are positioned in relation to other items e.g. Cheeky Monkey is next to/on top/in front of/behind the tree etc.

Our topic work this week centred on the story 'Funnybones' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. The children have enjoyed using chalk to draw skeletons. They have also used collage to create their own skeleton. We have also enjoyed learning all about Diwali which is the festival of light. We learnt how some people celebrate Diwali with their friends and family and the different kinds of celebrations and festivities that take place.

On Wednesday the children learnt about Remembrance Day and how on this day every year, we think about all of the soldiers who have fought in the wars to help keep us safe. We learnt about why we have a 2 minutes silence at 11 o'clock on this day and why people wear poppies to remember.

Due to our Diwali party that took place yesterday we did not use P.E kits. We shall keep them in school for the following week 😊

Finally, we would like to ask that all items of clothing, including coats, hats, gloves and scarves are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Following on from our learning during enquiry learning, this week's word of the week is: **Remember**

This week's 'Talking Topic' is:

Can you retell the
Funnybones story?

Many thanks
The Reception team