

## Reception Newsletter

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

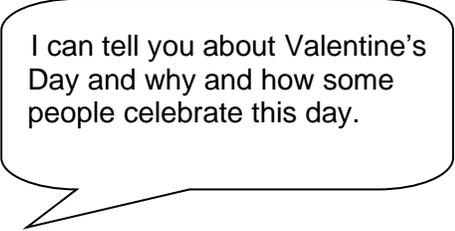
This week in Literacy, we have focused on the tricky star words and the phase 3 sounds ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air and er. We have practised finding the sounds and tricky words in sentences and had a go at spelling them. We have now learned all of the Phase 3 tricky star words and sounds and will be recapping all of these sounds and tricky words over the next half term. We have also been practising spelling words with the trickier phase 3 sounds (ear, air, igh). Please continue to practise all the sounds at home using your child's sound book and red handwriting books. We have taught the letter names for 'g' and 'h' and practiced writing them as capital letters. Please find on the reverse of the letter the sounds and tricky words that we have learnt so far. Developing an instant recognition of these sounds and tricky words will help increase your child's reading fluency.

In Numeracy, we have introduced the children to the numbers 9 and 10 and looked at the numbers one more and one less than numbers up to 10. We have practised forming the numbers 9 and 10 using the number formation rhymes to help. We have been using our fingers to find the different ways of making 9 and 10 and found numbers within 9 and 10 that add together to make up these numbers e.g., 5 and 5, 6 and 4, 3 and 7 etc).

Throughout the week, we have thought about Valentine's Day. We discussed why some people mark this day and made lovely cards for our families. We thought about the special people in our lives and encouraged the children to explain why these people are special to us. We have also enjoyed making Valentine's sweet cones as part of our enterprise project which we sold to our Reception friends as well as the children in Year 1 and 2.

Over the next half term, our enquiry learning will focus on 'Understanding the World, People and Communities'. We will start to think about the different types of jobs, hobbies and interests that our family and friends enjoy and research our questions to find out further information (please fill in the enclosed sheet with any questions your child has). We will begin the next half term with a 'Vets' role play. Your child is welcome to bring in a named soft toy animal to help us enhance this area.

This week's 'Talking Topic' is:



I can tell you about Valentine's Day and why and how some people celebrate this day.

Following on from our learning about Valentine's Day, our word of the week is: **Love**.

Finally, have a great holiday and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

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

The Reception Team.

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