

Reception Newsletter

Friday 6th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break. The children have shared their experiences of their Christmas and New Year celebrations with great excitement.

In Literacy this week, we have recapped the sounds and tricky words learnt so far and focused on the sounds **j**, **th**, **ng** and **nk**. We have been assessing the children's phonics progress and feedback on their phonics assessment will be sent home once they have been completed. There are more new sounds to come next week - keep an eye out for these in your child's sound book. When reading at home, please encourage your child to hold the book, tracking the words as they read them using their index finger. As the pictures help to tell the story, make sure you talk about the pictures and text as you read through the book. We recommend children re-read their books to develop their fluency, pleasure and independence. Please sign and make a comment in your child's reading diary so we know that they have read their book at home.

In Numeracy this week, we have focused on comparing numbers to 5. We have counted out different amounts of fruit and discussed more and less. We have addressed the misconception that the size of things doesn't mean more e.g. 'The pineapple is bigger and takes up more space on the plate but there are still more grapes because we can count 5 of them.' We have then looked at how numbers are made up of smaller numbers and looked at different ways of making 4 and 5 e.g. 2 and 2 make 4 and 1 and 3 make 4. We have recorded the calculations using the appropriate signs e.g. $2+2=4$. Next week in our maths sessions we will be exploring and comparing heavy and light objects. We will learn about the concept of weight and talk about using weighing scales to measure to help us find out which objects are lighter and which are heavier. To help with our learning next week, we would like the children to bring in 2 identical containers or tubs. One container filled with something light and one container filled with something heavy e.g. cotton wool and rice or pasta and flour etc. The children will use the containers to predict the heaviest and lightest objects and sort into heavy and light sets.

In our topic work this week, we have enjoyed learning about New Year and what this means. We have talked about making a 'new year wish' which they will be able to talk to you about in this week's 'Talking Topic':



**This year...I wonder if
I could be better at...**

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

Thank you to RV for all the lovely buns brought into school today. The children thoroughly enjoyed selling their buns to the rest of the school. All proceeds made each week during our weekly bun sale go to our school's chosen charities. Next Friday 13th January it will be RM's Friday bun sale. Please could we ask that each child brings some buns/cakes for your child to sell in school. Your child will not need 20p that day as they can have one of their own. Please remember that we are a nut free school. Thank you!

Many thanks,

The Reception Team.