

Reception Newsletter

Friday 10th February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

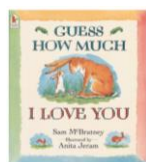
In Literacy this week, we have been focusing on words with more than one syllable. We have been reading longer words such as 'farmyard', 'sunset' and 'laptop'. We have used the 'chunking' method when reading these words. This means to break up a longer word and read it one part (chunk) at a time, to avoid being overwhelmed and to ease the process of blending. We have also been looking at words with double letters in the middle e.g., 'carrot', 'kitten' etc. We know that these two letters only make one sound. We are now practising to write the digraph and trigraph sounds in words.

In Numeracy, we have been learning about time and sequencing. We have ordered the days of the week and linked this with the story of 'Jasper's Beanstalk'. We have also taken part in mini challenges against the timer e.g. 'How many times can you write your name in one minute?'

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 enjoyed sharing the book 'Guess how much I love you.' Please follow the link if you would like to share this week's Valentine's song with your child.

[Skidamarink Valentine's song](#)

Over the next half term, our enquiry learning will focus on 'Understanding the World, People, Culture 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.



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



This week's 'Talking Topic' is:

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 20th February. If you do have any concerns or questions do not hesitate to write them in your child's home/school book.

Miss Mason, Miss Vine and Mrs Rothwell