

Reception Newsletter

Friday 2nd February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

In Literacy this week, we have learnt the 'air' and 'er' sounds and focused on words with the double letters in them 'dd,' 'mm,' 'tt,' 'bb,' 'rr,' 'gg,' 'pp' and 'ff.' In addition, we have revised all the phase 3 two and three letter sounds we have learnt so far. We have learnt the new tricky words 'are,' 'sure' and 'pure.' Please encourage your child to practise their writing in their handwriting books. Next week in class, we will be focusing on blending longer words and will be writing captions and short sentences and revising all of our tricky words learnt so far.

In Numeracy, we have been identifying and naming shapes with 4 sides. We have been looking for squares and rectangles in our environment and have introduced the children to using mathematical vocabulary such as 'sides,' 'straight' and 'corners.' The children are beginning to understand that both rectangles and squares have 4 straight sides and 4 corners. The children learnt that squares are special because each of the 4 sides are equal in length and learnt that 2D shapes are always flat. You could ask your child to find as many squares and rectangles as they can at home or challenge them to see how many they can spot on their way to and from school.



In our topic work this week, we have enjoyed becoming experimenting experts. We have been learning all about how some objects float and some objects sink. We made predictions about which objects will float and sink before sorting our objects out into sets. We talked about why some things float whilst others sink which linked back to our previous learning about things being heavy and light. We have also been busy exploring freezing and melting, dissolving and colour mixing.



I can tell you all about the experiments that we have carried out this week.

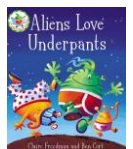
This week's 'Talking Topic' is:

Following on from our enquiry learning this week, our word of the week is: **Experiment**

Please click on the link below to share this week's song with your child.

[Sink or Float song](#)

Our class reader this week is: **Aliens love Underpants**



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

Many thanks
Miss Mason, Miss Vine and Mrs Rothwell