

Reception Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Message from Mrs Crane regarding the Easter disco:

I apologise that it has not been made clear in previous communication that the money (£3.50) requested for the Reception disco on Thursday 21st March is a voluntary contribution to help raise funds for playground equipment. As it is within school hours, all Reception children will attend the disco.

In Literacy this week, we have been practising writing the 2 and 3 letter sounds in words. We have been trying very hard to remember the order of the letter sounds such as 'light' instead of 'lghit' or 'boat' instead of 'baot' etc. Please encourage your child to remember the order of these sounds which will help them when they are writing words, captions and short sentences. This week we have recapped the tricky words that we have learnt so far. Please keep practicing reading these tricky words as we will begin to learn more tricky words next half term. This week we have been practising forming the letters 's' and 'f.'

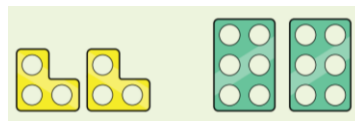
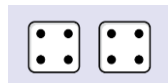


Down the snake from head to tail.



Down the flamingo to its foot and across its wings.

In Numeracy, we have introduced the children to the concept of doubling and they have learnt that this means 'twice as many.' We practised finding number doubles using our fingers then used counters to make spots on butterfly wings. We then counted the number of spots on one butterfly wing and drew the same number of spots on the other wing to find double the number. We then found out the answers to different doubling questions and could say 'double 1 is 2,' 'double 2 is 4' and 'double 3 is 6' etc. We asked the children key questions such as 'What does double mean?' 'Where can you see a double?' 'Is this a double or not a double?' and 'What is double...?' Playing dominoes or rolling dice would be great ways for your child to practise finding any number doubles at home.



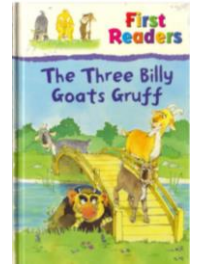
In our topic work, we have enjoyed finding out all about Chinese New Year. We have learnt why some people celebrate Chinese New Year and the different kinds of celebrations that take place. We learnt that this year it is the year of the dragon.

Next week we will be learning about Mother's Day and finding out why some people celebrate this special day and where Mother's Day comes from. We will find out about how Mother's Day was celebrated many years ago and how other countries celebrate Mother's Day differently. We will then be creating portraits of our mums or people who are special to us. Please could a photograph of either mum or someone else who is special to your child be emailed to us at newsletters@woodhouse.calderdale.sch.uk. This will help your child create their Mother's Day portrait.

This week's 'Talking Topic' is:

I can tell you all about
Chinese New Year

We have enjoyed sharing our class reader this week **'The Three Billy Goats Gruff.'**



Please click on the link below if you would like to share the Chinese New Year Dragon Dance song that we have been singing this week with your child.

[Chinese New Year Dragon Dance](#)

This week's word of the week is: **Festival**

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

Many thanks,

The Reception Team