



## Reception Newsletter

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.' We have been practising forming the letter 'd' in our handwriting groups. 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.



White Rose Maths Hub have a free app called "One Minute Maths" which is suitable for devices running Android and IOS. It is aimed to help children in Reception and Key Stage 1 develop their fluency skills within addition and subtraction and to recognise key facts quickly. Feel free to download the app from the App Store and use this as an additional tool at home to support your child's mathematical development.

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:

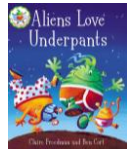


Following on from our enquiry learning this week, our word of the week is: **Experiment**

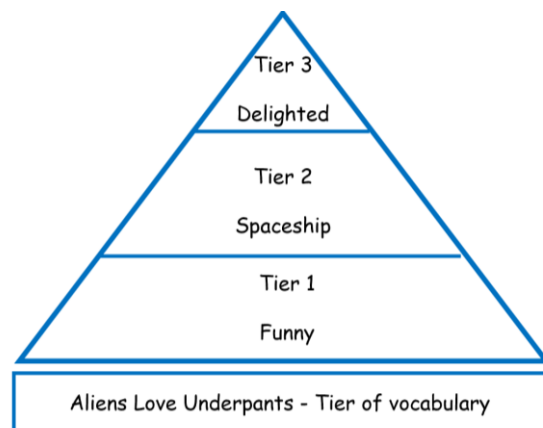
Please click on the link below to share this week's song with your child.

[Sink or Float song](#)

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



Here are some of the words that we have been exploring from our class reader this week.



Thank you to Rose's mum who was our Mystery Reader last week and Aspen's mum and dad who were our Mystery Readers earlier this week. The children waited in anticipation to find out who their Mystery Readers were and thoroughly enjoyed listening to their stories. We can't wait to find out who it will be next time?

We are looking forward to welcoming you into school next week for our Open Door sessions. These will be held on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2:30-3:00pm** for **RM** and **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2:30-3:00pm** for **RV**. See you there!

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

Many thanks

Mrs Molloy, Miss Vine and Mrs Rothwell