

Reception Class Newsletter

Acts of kindness and celebrating kindness has been a running theme for this week. As you will have seen on SeeSaw we made a 'heart of hands' and talked about what our kind hands can do. As part of anti-bullying week we listened to the story of 'Topsy and Tim Help a Friend' and thought about how Topsy, Tim and Stevie felt and that it was wrong to be unkind to each other.



We also introduced the sounds l, h and sh. We are getting more confident at reading words, both real words and nonsense words with the aid of our special puppet Zog. We will explain more about her on SeeSaw next week.

Further learning has taken place around light and dark with enhancements in the classroom for the children to explore. Some children have explored an interest in space and we all used Purple Mash to create space rockets. We have talked about opposites and continued to develop our throwing and catching skills outside. (Yes the beanbags were back!)

We have consolidated ways to represent 1, 2, and 3 and how to make 2 and 3 are ready to explore numbers 4 and 5 next week.

Super stars

Well done to Elijah and Darcey who are our stars of the week



Sitting on our VIP table on Monday will be:
Darcey, Noah, Tom and Jack

Well done everyone!

PE bags are being sent home today for washing. Please could you check the contents are named and return them on Monday? We do have a spare unnamed t-shirt in the classroom that belongs to someone. We are also due to have an extra PE lesson on Thursday again next week.

Key rings

When your child is ready we will give them a keyring with words to learn. These words are often called tricky words or exception words because they don't follow the usual phonic patterns e.g. 'to' or 'the'. As well as these words there will be some words that can be 'freded' e.g. 'cat' or 'mum'. The words are added a few at a time. A note explaining a bit more about how it works will be stuck into the reading diary when your child gets their keyring. I have found the best way to learn these words is to learn to write them too. Below is the link to a great game to help your child learn them. Choose the 'add my own words' option. Then type in the words from the keyring. My 4 year old has been playing it and it has really helped her.

<https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/help/ALHedgehog/index.html>

Enjoy the weekend and we will see you all on Monday,

Mrs Rogers, Mrs Griffin and Mrs Thompson 😊