

## Reception Class Newsletter – 17th October 2014

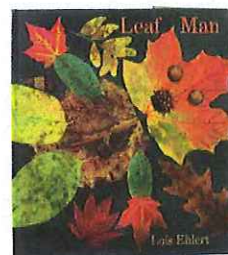


Thank you for your support if you were able to attend the Read Write Inc. and 'meet the teacher' meetings this week, it was lovely to see to you all. I hope you found it enjoyable and informative. There was a lot of information given from both myself and Mrs Ling so if you need further clarification or explanation, please ask. As I mentioned I have attached is a sheet of 'wow' moments for you to celebrate your child's achievements and then send into school as and when there is something to celebrate. Examples might include counting to a particular number, learning to ride a bike without stabilizers, a sporting achievement, recognising simple words as you're at home or out and about. Wow moments that are sent in, are put into our special 'wow' moment box for us to read and celebrate with the class. They are then stuck into your child's learning record and form part of our records of their achievements.

Also at the meeting I mentioned being a mystery reader. If you are free on Wednesday afternoons at 2.45 pm we would love you to come and read a story to us. Grandparents/Aunts/Uncles are very welcome to come and read a story too. If you are interested please come and speak to us or put a note in the planner. If you cannot do Wednesday we can alter the day and time. Younger siblings can listen to the story too if you need to bring them!

Thanks to everyone who was able to come on our nature walk along Meerlake Way on Wednesday. Luckily the rain held off and we had a lovely walk. We were out for about 2 hours so the children did brilliantly! We collected lots of interesting things, including a golf ball! I was impressed by how well they did. As well as talking about the walk, we have been drawing and making maps either on paper or in 3D. We made a fantastic whole class 3D map which filled our carpet area!

We will use some of the collected autumn objects to help us with our shape work. Perhaps you could make a circle from conkers or a triangle from twigs? Thank you to everyone who has brought in interesting items they have collected. We have put some of them on our investigation table and in our feely box, and will use them for some autumn leaf prints and weavings and inspired by the story 'Leaf Man' use them to make pictures of leaf people, animals and birds of our own. We have enjoyed lots of Julia Donaldson stories this week as she is our new featured author. Today we have been singing some new songs written by her based on the story of 'Stick Man' and a fun action song called 'I've got a ball of pastry'.



Yet again we have had some fantastic homework this week, thank you once again for your support and help. Remember a little and often is best and if you can think of other activities to do for a particular letter then please do! Our new sounds this week are e and l.

We have been focusing on blending a lot this week as there are a lot of children who are getting a step closer to bringing a reading book with simple words in. Well done everybody!

As well as the having their photograph taken on their own and with their siblings by Academy Photography, the Chronicle photographer came to school yesterday to photograph the Reception children. Last year the Reception class photograph appeared in both the Congleton and Alsager Chronicles, forming part of a 12 page special which featured all the local Reception classes. Once published, it will be possible to order copies of the picture through the paper or on their website. It is usually published November/December time. We will let you know when you can buy it. What a lot of smiling we had to do yesterday!

Congratulations to our new stars of the week Ava and Jake and to Ellie and Kaloyan who got to eat their lunch on our special VIP table today.

I look forward to seeing you at next week's parent/teacher meetings.

Mrs Rogers and Mrs Newbould





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