



## Reception Class weekly newsletter – 20th March 2015

We had lots of fun this week at our Royal Ball. Unfortunately the King of Tatton Park was unable to join us but we were lucky enough to be joined by Princess Anna of Arrendell (played superbly by Miss Harding!) After being presented to Her Royal Highness we had our photograph taken with her, this prompted one child to say excitedly; "it's brilliant it's just like being at Disney Land!". We then went down to the royal ballroom and danced our special waltz, a jive and then followed it up by some brilliant disco dancing! The royal banquet was next, after which we entertained Princess Anna with songs and jokes. We had a brilliant afternoon and all the children really entered into the spirit of the event.



Some of us wrote special messages to the king on scrolls today. We used wax to seal our messages. We had been talking about wax seals which prompted one child to ask if she could do it. That is the joy about Reception. When someone wants to try something, we go with it, well to the best of our ability anyway!

In Read Write Inc we have begun reading our first reading books known as ditties. They allow the children to read very simple stories using their set 1 sounds whilst they are working on their set 2 sounds. Each child has 'a perfect partner' and their own 'pointer of power' which they all love to be in charge of! We are trying to read these books with fluency as they don't require too much working out. When we move onto the **next** level there will be a black and white copy of the book for your child to bring home. This book is for you to keep and the idea is that your child should be able to read it easily and quickly.

Mrs Hill reported that the children had a super visit to Wesley Place yesterday. Thank you to all our volunteer helpers. I know she will be building on the experience over the next few weeks.

We had our first Great Grandad mystery reader this week. A big thank you to Evie's Great Grandad who was a brilliant mystery reader.

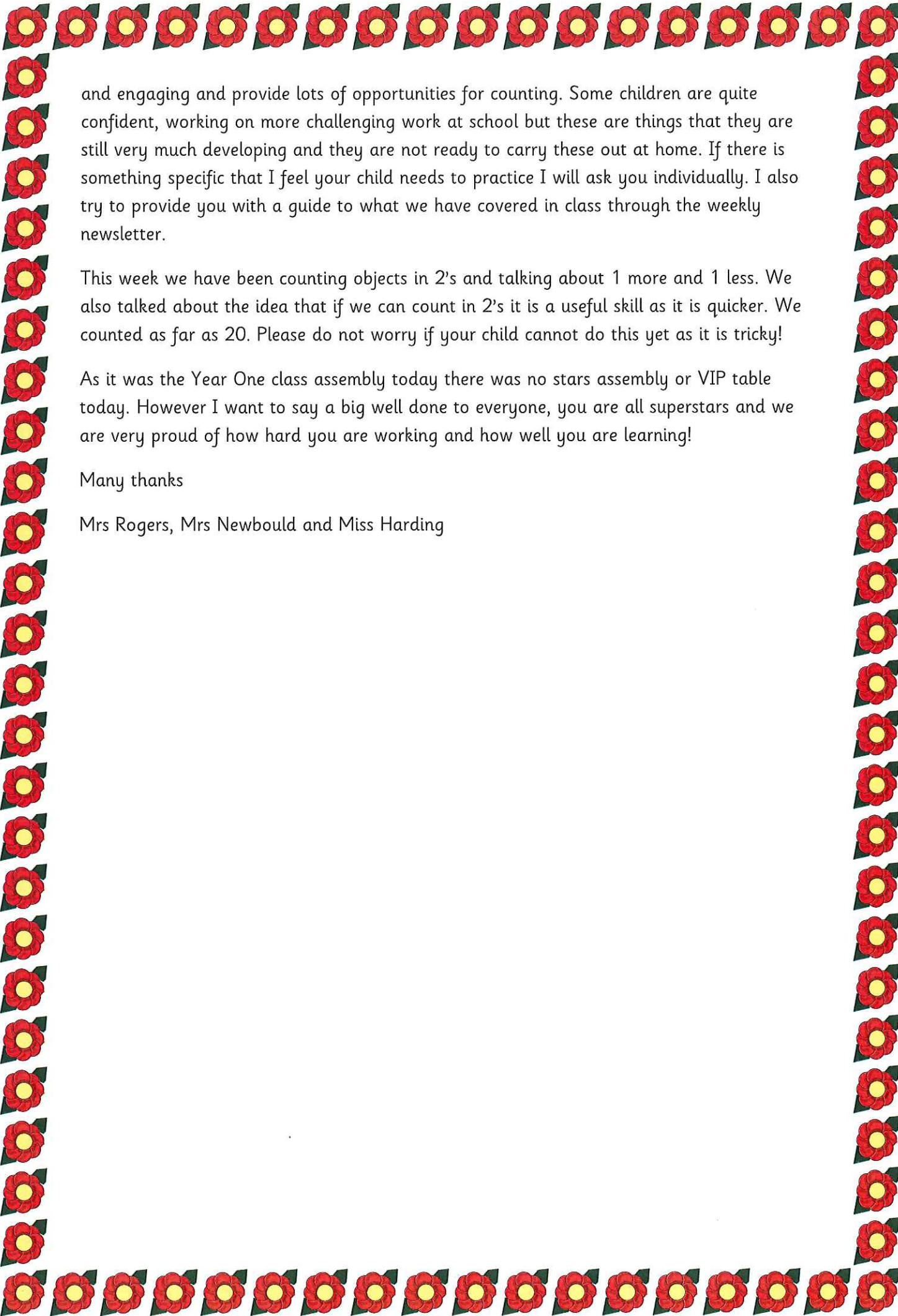


We couldn't let the day go by without talking about the eclipse. We watched a CBeebies programme, that I know some of the children had seen at home, explaining what happens and we looked through my special eclipse glasses to see how dark they were. (I must stress we did NOT look at the eclipse but just through the glasses – we were inside.)

Mrs Choi, put on her opticians hat to explain how important it is not to look at the sun without special glasses and how doing so can hurt our eyes.

Homework – thank you to everyone who is still doing it and for all your super comments. Homework, especially maths is quite general and the activities are designed to be fun, easy





and engaging and provide lots of opportunities for counting. Some children are quite confident, working on more challenging work at school but these are things that they are still very much developing and they are not ready to carry these out at home. If there is something specific that I feel your child needs to practice I will ask you individually. I also try to provide you with a guide to what we have covered in class through the weekly newsletter.

This week we have been counting objects in 2's and talking about 1 more and 1 less. We also talked about the idea that if we can count in 2's it is a useful skill as it is quicker. We counted as far as 20. Please do not worry if your child cannot do this yet as it is tricky!

As it was the Year One class assembly today there was no stars assembly or VIP table today. However I want to say a big well done to everyone, you are all superstars and we are very proud of how hard you are working and how well you are learning!

Many thanks

Mrs Rogers, Mrs Newbould and Miss Harding