

## Reception Class Newsletter – 16th October 2015

Thank you for your support and attendance at the Parent Teacher meetings this week, it was lovely to chat to you all. I look forward to speaking to those with Tuesday appointments next week. The next meetings take place in the spring term but please remember you can talk to us anytime about your child's progress or any questions that you may have.



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! Please keep writing all the wonderful things you are doing and sharing your reading experiences. It is brilliant!

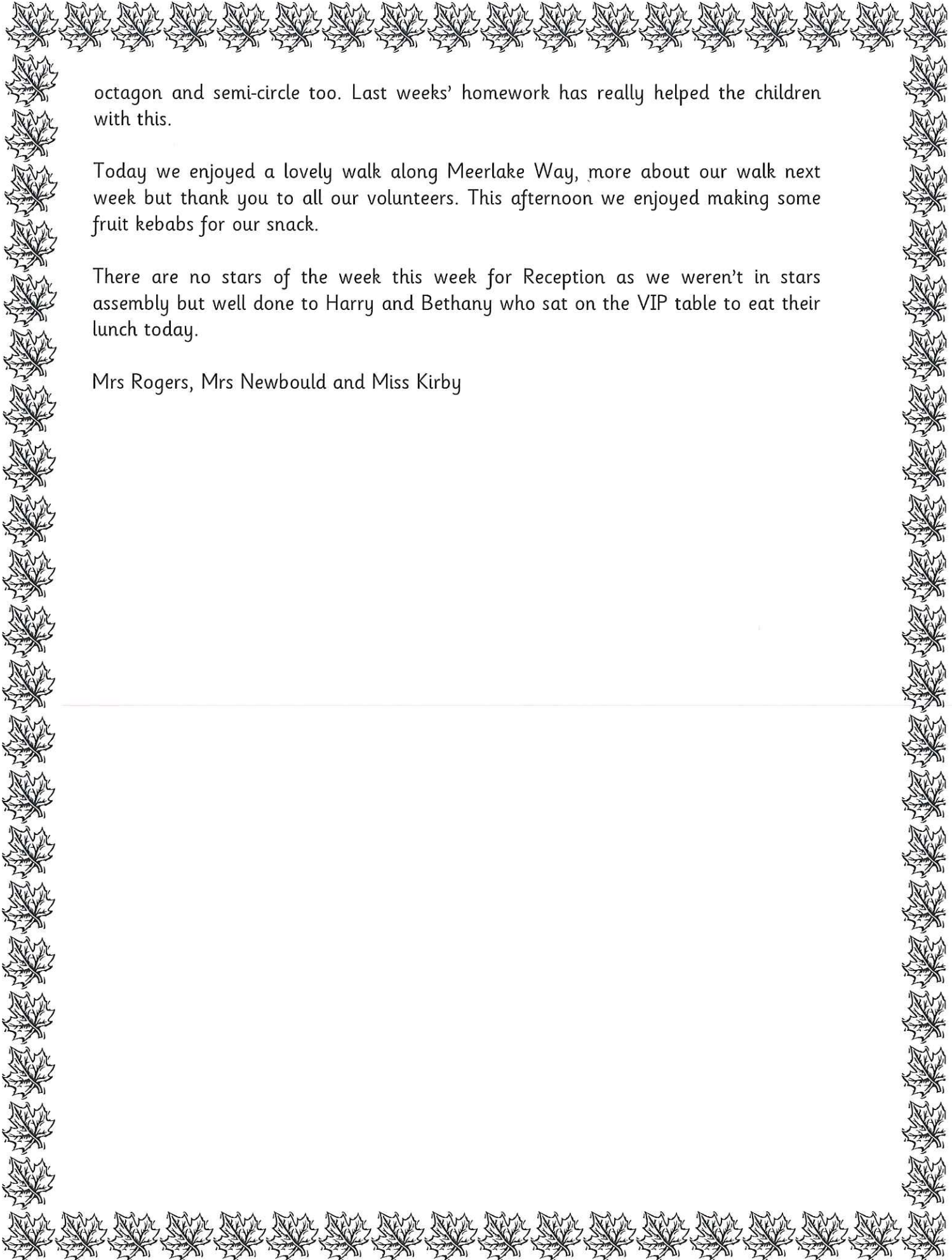


We have had another busy week and I can't believe half term is almost here already! We introduced 3 new sounds u, b and f and we have continued to blend sounds. Most of us still need lots of help to do this as it is very tricky. Everyday we always revisit all the sounds we have covered so there is lots of reinforcement. Please don't worry if your child is struggling with the sounds we have recently added. They will come with time and lots of practice! It is also very common for children to get b and d muddled so again please don't worry if your child starts to do this.

The children are really enjoying their dough disco and funky finger activities. One of our Funky Fingers activities involves using a ball of dough. The exercises we have done have focused on rolling the dough into a ball with our palms, squeezing, squashing and pressing our digits one by one into the dough. We are still at the beginning of our 'dough disco/funky finger' journey and building things up slowly.

We have been very busy counting and ordering numbers this week. We have played a couple of games to help us which can be found on the website ICT games. We have played the 'saucer sorter game' and the 'whack a mole game'; if you want to play them yourself you can follow the link below.  
<http://www.ictgames.com/counting.htm>

We have also been talking about 2D shapes and their properties; counting sides and corners and trying to remember that a square has 4 sides the same and a rectangle 2 long and 2 short sides. Some children looked at the shapes hexagon, pentagon,



octagon and semi-circle too. Last weeks' homework has really helped the children with this.

Today we enjoyed a lovely walk along Meerlake Way, more about our walk next week but thank you to all our volunteers. This afternoon we enjoyed making some fruit kebabs for our snack.

There are no stars of the week this week for Reception as we weren't in stars assembly but well done to Harry and Bethany who sat on the VIP table to eat their lunch today.

Mrs Rogers, Mrs Newbould and Miss Kirby