

Reception Class Weekly Newsletter

22.03.2024.

What have we been doing in Reception this week?

Maths

This week we have been counting forwards and backwards within 10.

Counting backwards can be harder than counting forwards, but with lots of practice we are recognising the pattern.

We do this many times throughout the day where we count how many children we have forwards and then backwards.

We have also been using this counting skill to help us to understand and recognise one more and one less.

Home learning: Can you encourage counting forwards and backwards in your home? Ask what is one more? What is one less?

For a challenge we have been considering what is four more?

- **Watch the “Numberblocks: Blast Off” episode together.**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b08q3zx7/numberblocks-series-2-blast-off?seriesId=...>



Phonics

This week we have learnt two new phonemes (sounds) “ow” & “oi”.

Our new phonemes this week are all **digraph’s: two letters that make one sound.**

The children have been recognising and recalling the phase 2 and phase 3 sounds, blending the sounds to read words.

I am super impressed with the children’s independent writing. Each morning I will put a picture up from our core story and the children will independently write about what they can see on the board.

Home learning:

Please read DAILY with your child.

This is essential for children to become fluent with their reading and to revise new sounds.

Please sign their Reading Record.

Our core text this week was:



We have been thinking about people who help us.

We began the week thinking about people who help us and how they help us. The children thought of many people who help us including: "family, friends, firefighters, Doctors and Nurses, Police officers, post workers, vets, opticians, charities and guide dogs".

On Tuesday morning we had a very exciting visit from the Police.

PC Hughes arrived in his police car, spoke to us about what he does and how he helps. We learnt lots of new information and interesting facts! The children got to sit inside the police car, look at the flashing lights, listen to the different sounds of the sirens and see what was inside the boot and what he used all the equipment for.

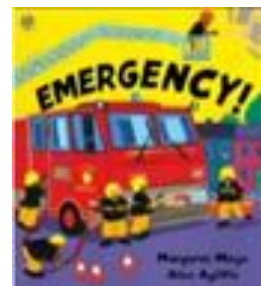
After this, we all had the opportunity to try on the police uniform. We know they wear bright yellow so they can be seen and why some police officers have different coloured hats.

Most importantly the children know that the police are here to help us and keep us safe.



Next week our core text is:

Emergency!



We will continue to think about

People Who Help Us.

Key dates and events:

- **Wednesday 27th March** – Decorated egg competition.
- **Thursday 28th March** – Easter Service at Church (am).
- **Thursday 28th March** - School Closes, 3:30 pm.
- **Monday 8th April** – School Re-opens.
- **Friday 19th April** – Dress as a Rockstar for TTS Rockstar day.

School Trip Payment

- **Thursday 28th March** – School trip payment (final instalment).

Important Notes:

- Please read **DAILY** with your child.
This is essential for children to become fluent with their reading and to revise new sounds.
Please sign their Reading Record.
- **Snack:** If you do choose to send your child with a snack, please ensure that it is healthy - fruit.
If you are sending your child with grapes they **MUST** be cut in half, vertically.
- Please help us to promote your child's independence.
Encourage them to cut their own food and get dressed independently.
- Please label **ALL** your child's clothes!
- **PE** is **Monday morning** and **Friday morning**. Please make sure they have a PE kit in school.
- **Forest School** will be on **Wednesday** morning.

Awards:

Writer of the week: Alfie

Our value – Friendship: Amira

Have a lovely weekend !

Miss Smith, Miss Haworth and Mrs Malik.