

# Reception News



Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016

Dear Family,

This week we have had lots more fun exploring our **Winter and Animal topic!** We enjoyed talking about the cold weather we are having, and exploring the frost and ice in our playground. We have also continued to learn more facts about polar animals and the Arctic and we explored Ocean animals. The children worked together in groups to make their own ocean creature models and we will continue them next week!

The children are very welcome to bring in Ocean creature books next week.

We are sending home an ICT sheet to find out about all the ICT your child uses at home. Please complete the sheet and send it back to school next week, thank you!

## **Maths:**

In Maths this week we have been focusing on counting skills. We practised counting forward and backwards along a number line starting at different numbers. We also introduced counting in groups of 2 to 10 and to 20.

We introduced the children to counting in 2's initially by counting the 'pairs' around us: our hands/feet/shoes/eyes etc and then putting objects such as cubes, counting bears, links, beads, Lego, socks etc. in 'pairs' 'sets of 2' and counting aloud in 2's up to 10, 20 and beyond. We looked at numbers on the 100 square and practised saying the numbers in 2's and whispering the odd numbers until they got used to saying the numbers in 2's, e.g. from 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 etc. to '2, 4, 6, 8, 10 etc.' Please practise grouping objects in sets of 2 and home and counting aloud in 2's.

Please practise forming numbers from 0-10 at home, and beyond if your child is ready. In the garden this week we have continued to practise counting on to find a total, by playing lots of dice and number track games!

## **Literacy:**

This week, we read a funny big book 'Hello, Big head' about a naughty pet parrot! In phonics, we have been practising the sounds we have learned so far, and have also learned the **y**, **z**, **zz** and **qu** sounds. We made **yummy yoghurt** on Monday to celebrate learning the y letter sound.

**We revisit all letter sounds as part of our daily phonics session and we read phase 2 words and practise reading and writing sentences containing phase 2 words. We are encouraging the children to begin reading key words by sight when they are ready and to practise sounding out words both orally and 'in their heads'.**

Please encourage your child to practise recognising the letter sounds and to blend the letter sounds to read the words in the table below:

Please remember that we read words, we "Look at the letters, make the sounds and blend the sounds together" to read the words

yes	yap	buzz	quack
yet	zip	fizz	quiz
yip	zigzag	jazz	liquid

The children are doing very well at reading captions. Please encourage your child to practise reading these captions at home. We have also been practising reading captions in class. Thank you.

The sad duck did not quack.

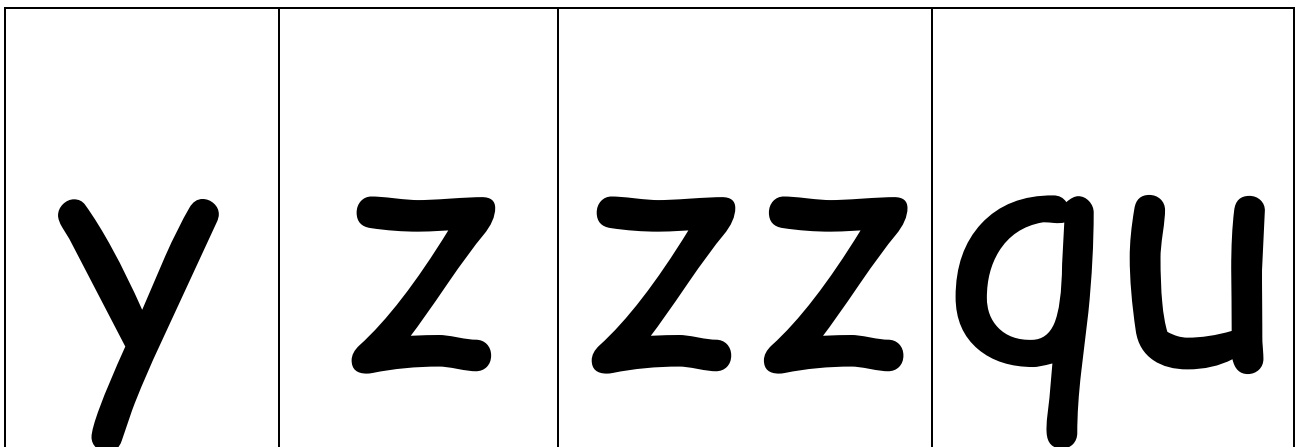
Ravi was quick to kick.

The jam was yum yum.

Do not yell at the lemon.

It did not stop buzzing.

Can you fix the zip?



Phase Two Words:

a	can	up	him	is
an	dad	mum	his	it
as	had	but	not	of
at	back	the	got	off
if	and	to	no	on
in	get	I	go	into

Phase 3 Words:

will	that	this	her
then	them	with	my
see	for	now	are
down	look	too	you
he	she	we	they
me	be	was	all

### Start and end of day

We would really appreciate it if you could make sure that your child is on time for school every day, and is picked up on time at the end of the day. Children become very unsettled when they arrive late or are picked up late from school. They also miss out on important learning when they are dropped off late in the morning. Children are welcome to arrive from 8:50 until 9:00 in the morning, and should be picked up by 3:30pm in the afternoon. Classroom doors will be open from 3:20pm. Thank you.

#### Reminders:

- Reception Ruth's class assembly is on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 9:10am in the school hall, we look forward to seeing parents and carers there! Please help your child to practise their speaking parts- they were sent home on Tuesday. Many thanks.
- Please check that your child comes home in the correct coat as a child in Samuel class has lost her coat - it is a navy blue coat.
- Please also make sure that all items of your child's uniform is labelled with their name.
- During the cold weather please send your child into school with a scarf, hat and gloves.
- If your child is already 5 and you would like them to have a place at our school breakfast club at 7:45am then please speak to a member of the admin team in the school office as there are a limited number of spaces available.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Yours sincerely,

The Reception Team

Mrs McGhie, Miss Peck, Miss Sullivan, Miss Slaney, Miss Earl, Mr Ahmed