

What we have been learning in Reception: week commencing 1 February

Our newsletter is updated weekly for you to read on the school website. To find it, click on the **Teaching and Learning** section, then the **weekly learning guide for parents of Reception Class Pupils**. Copies of the newsletter are always displayed in each classroom and on the windows at the Reception exit doors. There are also paper copies for you to take home, located on the Reception notice board. We have been made aware that some parents have not been accessing our newsletters, so this week we are sending a paper copy out to each child.

Phonics

This week we have been focusing on the sounds *ai*, *ee*, *igh* and *oa* and the tricky words *was*, *no* and *go*. The children have been practising letter formation and are beginning to use the focus words in sentences.

Literacy

This week we have been reading the Anthony Browne books *My Mum* and *My Dad*. We have been talking and writing about real-life heroes and acting out freeze frame scenes to demonstrate super actions.

Numeracy

This week our focus has been on introducing addition. We recapped one more, then went on to add groups of objects and pictures, including activities on the interactive whiteboard.

Reminders and Requests

- You should have all received a letter last week outlining our Super Hero Activity afternoon, which is being held on Friday 12 February. Children can come to school dressed as a super hero. We are having three craft sessions in the hall, to which parents and carers are also invited. (1.30-2.00 RD, 2.00-2.30 RGK, 2.30-3.00 RW). Enlarged copies of this original letter are displayed in each classroom.
- Many children still do not have a set of spare clothes in school for when they have toilet accidents or become muddy playing outside. We do not have enough spare clothing to be able to change all the children and they become distressed if we cannot give them clean clothing to wear. The spare set of clothes for your child needs to be clearly named and put in a bag to hang on their peg.
- We would like to remind you that children are not allowed to bring toys in from home. We have lots of fantastic resources in school for the children to play with and we do not want the children's personal possessions to be lost, stolen or broken.

3 things for you to do with your child this week

- Add groups of objects that you find in the house or garden
- Look at some family photos and talk about what makes the people in them "super"
- Put the finishing touches to your super hero costumes!

Many thanks for your continuing support and we look forward to seeing you at next week's Super Hero Activity afternoon.

The Reception Team