

Dear Parents

What another super week we have had in Reception with lots of hard work and different achievements.



We began the week with a visit from a lady from the Dogs Trust and her dog Winnie. We learnt all about caring for dogs and how to treat them if we come across them out and about. Reception class sat and listened brilliantly, even answering some of the questions asked and we were all given the opportunity to give Winnie a little stroke at the end.

The children were also introduced to their Free Writing books this week and were excited to writing in a 'proper school book.' Free writing is a quiet session, where all of the children lay out on the carpet together and draw pictures of their choice. As the year progress, the children are encouraged to add writing to their pictures and develop their story telling.



There was much excitement this week when we met another Reception class friend, Floppy the dog. Floppy is a lively mischievous character who helps us learn our letter sounds. This week Floppy has told us about his weekend picnic in the park, where a snake slithered across the rug, the apple which got carried away by some ants, the time he saw Aletta playing tennis, and Inky the mouse leaving footprints in the classroom. From each of Floppy's stories a new letter sound is taught, along with a picture and an action. This week's sounds have been

s, a, t, i, p.

Children are then given the opportunity to practice the letter formation in different ways around the classroom.



Each sound sheet has been coming home for your reference and for the children to practise when convenient. We will be explaining more about our teaching of phonics, reading and writing during our Curriculum Evening on **Monday 1st October**, more details to follow.

In maths this week we have been working with numbers to 10 and looking at different ways we can represent them. We played a game together on the playground where the children had to get themselves into groups of a certain amount and check by counting. In the classroom, they were challenged to make different models with a certain amount of straw and we noticed how everybody's models were different even though we had the same amount of straws! We then worked with the egg box ten frames and learnt how to show different

numbers before matching it to the correct numeral. Again we will talk more about how we teach and develop mathematics at our curriculum evening.



The Year 6 buddies are also known as Young Leaders and they run clubs and activities for different year groups at break and lunchtime. This week some of the children had the opportunity to join in with Lego club on Wednesday playtime and had a fantastic time creating different models. These activities are optional and they don't have to attend every week.



A fantastic week Reception! Well done and enjoy the weekend.

Mrs Copeland and Mrs McCarthy.