

Dear Parents

What another busy week we have had in Reception class, we are now half way through the first half of this half term, and some of us are certainly starting to feel a little tired after our busy start to big school.

Phonics

We have continued to enjoy the adventures of Floppy as he has introduced the children to 5 new letter sounds, **n, ck, h, e, r.**

Along with the previous sounds, we have now got a solid bank of letters to begin building cvc words. CVC stands for consonant, vowel, consonant and below is a list of some of the possible words we can make from the letters sounds we have covered.

sat hat cat pat rat pin tin

tick pick rip sip hen pen ten

The children may also have mentioned to you that they have done some dough disco this week. Dough disco is an activity that we do in class to strengthen the muscles in the hand. Each child is giving a ball of play dough and we have a range of actions/exercises that we do with the play dough to music. It is great fun and is done in preparation for writing.



In Mathematics this week we have been creating repeating patterns by printing using fruit. Some children stuck to just two colours to create their pattern whilst others went for three or even four! Once the patterns were dry we practised our number formation by



turning our patterns into a number line. There is still some work to do on number formation and recognition and it is something we will continue to work on over this half term.

We have also begun preparations for our harvest festival and this week we have been following a recipe to make bread hedgehogs. The rolls gave a lovely aroma in the classroom and throughout the school and the children were keen to try them. The hedgehogs have been glazed with glue for us to bring to church to show and therefore will not be edible. However, this morning we made a lovely loaf of bread which we shared this afternoon with the option of some butter and jam. We will be doing some more work on Harvest next week.

Now the children have had the chance to sample all the different lunch options on the school dinner menu, you may be finding there are some dishes they may not have been keen on. We do have the option for them to order a jacket potato with a choice of either tuna or cheese. This can be done on the morning of the day your child would like one. If you do not have a copy of the menu at home please contact the office and they will email another one to you.



Finally, we are always striving to improve our learning environment to offer your children the best all round education and we are currently wanting to enhance our outdoor provision. We have already begun to turn the sandpit in to a construction site and are seeking builder's tools. We would appreciate any donations of buckets, spades, trowels, cones or hard hats and high visibility vests, if anyone has any they are willing to part with. Many thanks.



In addition to the above, the children in Reception are a creative bunch and we are also now running low on junk modelling materials such as kitchen roll tubes, cereal boxes, other small cardboard boxes, yoghurt pots. Thank you to the parents who regularly supply us with items like these, any more would be gratefully received.

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

Mrs Copeland and Mrs McCarthy.

Reminders:

- **Monday 1st October** we are holding our curriculum evening in the classroom. Please come to the outside area of our classroom where the door will be open.
- **Monday 8th October** is our Harvest Festival in St. Mary's Church at **10am**.
- Parents Evening is **Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd October**. You should now have been given a login to access the online booking system to arrange your 10 minute appointment with us.



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