

Dear Parents

We are now well into the first half term and we continue to be impressed with how well the Reception children are doing and how much progress they have already made.

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our curriculum evening on Monday. We hope you found it useful in understanding how we deliver the Literacy and Mathematics aspects of the Early Years Foundation Stage. For those of you who were unable to attend, we are posting our presentation on the website under the Reception Information page. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us either via email or at the end of the school day.

Here are links to the websites we mentioned during the evening:

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

In phonics this week, we have continued to learn a sound day and we never tire from hearing what Floppy the dog has been up to. This weeks' sounds have included

**m, d, g, o, u**

Each session also involves a review of the sounds we have previous learnt, as well as practice in blending for reading and segmenting for spelling. Some of us are now starting to write cvc words on our whiteboards.



In the outside area the children discovered lots of conkers with our letter sounds on trapped underneath the tape. The children were challenged to use the tweezers to rescue the conkers and sort them into the correct letter pots. We were really impressed with

the children's determination over their fine motor skills and their letter recognition.

We have introduced the children to their Busy Books this week and they have been completing a piece of work about their family. This is completed



as a guided writing session, during which we work on segmenting skills and letter formation.

In Mathematics we have been learning the names of common 2D shapes and have been using them in a range of activities. We made tractor collages which we will be showing in our harvest festival, made pictures using the shapes with the playdough and on the laptops copied shape pictures.



During circle time we have discussed with the children how to play with each other in the classroom and at playtime. At this stage the children are still learning the boundaries and can sometime get carried away resulting in someone being hurt. We have encouraged children to think about their type of play and we would appreciate if this could be reinforced at home.

Well done and have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Copeland and McCarthy

### Notes

- It is our Harvest Festival at St. Mary's Church, **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October** 10am. A letter has previously gone out to parents with further details. Please let us know if you haven't received it.
- There will be a slide show of pictures next **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 3pm**