

## Reception News

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Dear Parents and Carers

This week in Maths we have been practising one more and one less. We played a game in our classes where we were on a bus and at each stop someone got on. We worked together to think about how many people were now on the bus each time. We were so impressed with how engaged the children were and how quickly some of the children worked out one more. The bus then turned around and at each stop somebody wanted to get off. The children then began to use their learning of one less to work out how many people were left on the bus. Well done Reception!



In Literacy we have enjoyed hearing some more of the stories from the Funnybones collection. The children have been so excited to write labels this week for themselves, their peers, the class skeleton and their own skeletons to show the different parts of our bodies. We have been impressed with how many of the children were able to have a go at using their phonics to segment the sounds and write the words for the labels, such as hips, ribs, leg and skull. It has been pleasing to see so much super writing!

We have all been enjoying learning the new Phase 3 sounds. The children have worked hard to learn the new sounds and actions and apply them when reading and writing during phonics. Can they tell you the new sounds they have learnt? Over the coming weeks we will continue to learn the new Phase 3 sounds, many of which are digraphs and trigraphs. You may wish to look at these at home with your children to help consolidate their learning.

### Home Learning:

- This week you might like to ask your children to tell you about the new sounds that they have learnt during phonics. Can they show you the actions? Can they write the sound? Can they think of and maybe even write some words that have that sound in? Maybe they could find some objects at home that start with each new letter sound. The sounds we have learnt so far are; j, v, w, x, y, z, zz, qu and ch.

### Next Week:

- In Maths we will be working on understanding that numbers are made up of smaller parts. We will be introducing part-whole models and working on our number bonds to 4.
- In Phonics we will be continuing to learn the phase 3 letter sounds.
- In Literacy we will be introducing our termly topic of animals and pets.
- **GREEN** group will be doing show and tell next Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January. Our theme this term is 'Animals and Pets'. This can be about a favourite animal or about a pet that is at home or in the family. The children may enjoy talking about a pet that they would like to get in the future.

### Reminders:

- Please remember to send the children into school in their P.E. kit on a Tuesday. If the children are not in appropriate P.E. kit, including appropriate footwear, then they will not be able to participate in our P.E. sessions for safety reasons.
- We still need to further replenish our junk modelling resources. If you have any clean and empty boxes or containers then please do send them in for us to use. Thank you!

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Ford, Mrs Hall and all of the Reception Team