

## Reception News

### 24.06.22

Dear Parents and Carers



We've had a very busy week in Reception this week. The highlight of our week was definitely our school trip to Odds Farm Park. The children were so excited on Wednesday morning to get on the coach and travel to Odds Farm. We enjoyed many talks and activities throughout the day such as cow milking, rabbit petting and piggies snack time. The children also enjoyed participating in some 'wellington boot throwing' and they loved seeing all of the goats and sheep. Many of the children were very keen to have a go at feeding them too! The children's behaviour was brilliant and we all had a fantastic day.



One of the many exciting things that we did during our trip was a tractor and trailer ride. We have been learning all about tractors in Literacy this week. The children learnt how they are the most important vehicle on a farm and that they're used for many reasons. They also learnt all about the steering, speed and weights that balance the front of the tractor to stop it toppling forward when heavy trailers or machines are hooked to the back. The children were fascinated to get to see one up close and were thrilled to have a ride on one. It was great fun and really helped to bring this week's Literacy learning to life.

In Maths this week we have been learning the concept of doubling. We began the week by introducing this new concept using the doubling machine. The children watched as we put one block into the doubling machine and then another. We then opened the machine up to see how many we had altogether. We spoke about how doubling means the same again and how double 1 is the same as saying  $1+1=2$ . We used the doubling machine to help us to find the doubles of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. We were so impressed with the children knowledge and understanding of this new concept. The children went on to play other doubling games throughout the week and completed various activities to support this new learning.

#### Home Learning:

Can your child tell you all about our school trip? Can they remember what animals they saw? What was their favourite part of their day? Once you've had a chat about the day encourage your child to write about it. Maybe they'd like to draw a picture and then write some sentences about it. Remember capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. Please remember to send us photos or videos on Tapestry of what your children do.

#### Next week:

- In Maths we will be exploring the concepts of halving and sharing.
- In Literacy we will be practising writing words with initial or final consonant blends.
- In Phonics we will be continuing Phase 4 and will be practising reading words that contain consonant blends.
- We will be taking part in our Life Education session on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

#### Reminders:

- Chalfont St Peter's Feast Day will be returning this year tomorrow, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Everyone is welcome and there will be a wide variety of stalls as well as lots of entertainment throughout the day. Robertswood School will have a stall where we'll have our very own bottle tombola. If you come along to the Feast Day then please do stop at our stall to say hello and have a go!
- Our Nursery and Reception Sports morning will take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July on our school field. We hope to begin our races at 9.15am. All children will take part in at least 3 activities during the morning and at the end they will be rewarded with a participation medal. At the end of the activities and races we would like to invite you to stay and have a special snack time with your children and the staff. We really hope to see you all there.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ford, Mrs Hall and all of the Reception Team.