



## Reception Newsletter w/b 12<sup>th</sup> October



Thank you for your support with Seesaw so far. It is something new for all of us but I hope it will become more effective as time goes on (hopefully we won't need it for home learning!). We're really starting to think about our routines and building relationships and Miss Begbie and I have seen some fabulous work, support and learning going on. The children are really growing in confidence.

### **This Week...**

We had a slight iPad mishap with our Chatterpix app but will be working through this to help with our oral retelling of the Little Red Hen. We will also be recording our own version of the Little Red Hen for the school to see in celebration worship. I will put in on the Reception Class website.

In Maths we looked at the number 5. I am really impressed with the way the children are recognising the number 5 in different ways. I created a number 5 reel with lots of different props which could be used. It was really lovely to see how the children worked together and we even had a couple of singing performances! A quick activity for home could be to think about 5 on our fingers. We don't always have to put 5 on the same hand - we could put 3 on one and 2 on the other or 4 on one and 1 on the other. Encourage your child to explore this whilst they're sitting round the table or getting dressed.

This week we have also continued with our work on rhyme and thinking about the last sound. This is quite tricky so we will continue this. We have also thought about the our phase 2 sounds. Some of us are really starting to blend our sounds together to read words.

In PE we pretended to move like animals in different spaces and played our 'treasure game'. We will finish this unit of work on Friday with our apparatus.

### **Next Week...**

We will be looking at the last of the Phase 2 sounds - please refer to the sound mat sent on Seesaw. After half term we will be splitting into different Phonics groups. We will be continuing to look at Phase 2 sounds, this time with a bigger emphasis on reading and blending.

In Maths we will be continuing with numbers 1-5. We will be using Numberblock's 'Stampolines' to create different representations of numbers. We will also be encouraging the use of the words 'more' and 'fewer'. We are often quite confident with the word 'more' but find 'fewer' trickier. You could incorporate these words into your talk at home.

We are also only one week off half term. We have come a long way in the last 7 weeks and made such a lot of progress in many different areas of school life. I am sure your little ones will be feeling a bit tired by now and ready for a holiday!

### Homework

- Practise turning coat arms back the right way and zipping coats up.
- Look at the sight name cards on Seesaw and practise.
- Next half term we will be looking at celebrations - particularly bonfire night and Diwali - please can you either send in or send via email/seesaw a picture of your child celebrating something. It can be anything, it would be fabulous to have a mix of events.