



### Next week in Reception

We are going to be looking at information texts next week focusing on our new chicks. The children will be making booklets all about our new friends. We will also be using the internet to research about spring animals.

In our numeracy lessons, the children are going to be learning odd and even numbers. We will look at patterns in these numbers and be continuing to do some active maths activities.

Next week we will be beginning to teach the children the story of Easter. Please could you speak to your child about Easter and see what their understanding of this is. Lots of children get really confused when learning about the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and it would be really beneficial for you to talk through this at home before we begin our lessons. We teach the story through lots of art based activities and keep it very 'child friendly'. If you have any questions or concerns about this please feel free to speak to me further.

### This Week in Reception

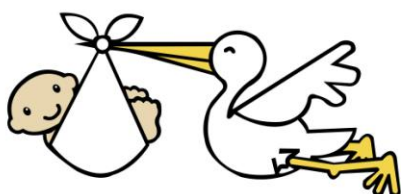
Wow, what a busy week we have had in Reception. The children have been making the most of our beautiful weather, doing lots of outdoor learning. We have been doing lots of physical development activities, climbing, running and balancing outside. The children have been working really well together to develop their skills in this area. At the beginning of the week we had a really exciting visitor come into school. Paul, who owns a local farm, brought ten eggs into school for us to look after until they hatch. Finally, after lots of waiting, on Wednesday evening the first chicks began to hatch. We now have eight cute, fluffy chicks being well looked after in Mrs Ramsay's room. To make sure we look after and care for the children properly, the children have been making lists of how to take care of the little chicks.

In our maths lessons, we have been continuing to think of numbers 0-30, which numbers are one less and one more. We have also been doing some active maths, jumping on odd and even numbers in the outdoor classroom.

### Homework

Your child has been given a sheet with high frequency words specific to their learning. Each week you will find a copy of new high frequency words for your child to learn. If you could practise these at home and we will assess your child weekly to see if they are successfully learning these.

Congratulations to Mia's family who have welcomed a beautiful new baby boy into their family. Mum and baby are doing really well and Xanda is a lucky boy having such great brothers and a sister to look after him.



### Notices

Open door policy - each Thursday, parents are given the opportunity to come into school and see their child's learning journal. Thank you to the parents that came in this week, it was lovely to chat to you about your child's learning. If you are unable to come on a Thursday, then an alternative day can be arranged via Mrs Smith.

If you need to speak to Mrs Smith after school at any time, please could I kindly ask that you wait until all children have been collected by their parents. It is really important that all children are seen being collected by their parent or carer and at times this can be difficult if lots of parents are trying to ask questions. Many thanks for your understanding in this.