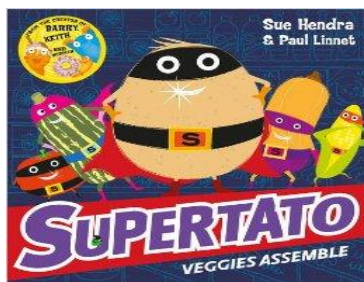


Reception Newsletter
Friday 21st October 2016



This Week in Reception

This week we have been focusing on blending in our phonics lessons. The children are all learning the phase 2 phonics sounds really well but some have found blending a little tricky. We have seen a huge improvement in this skill and I am very pleased with how well the children are doing. In our maths lessons, the children have been looking at numbers that are one more and one less and have also been thinking about numbers of personal significance. Our afternoons have been very creative with the children doing lots of independent painting, drawing and building. On Wednesday, Shae found a flower on our playground and all the children made beautiful observational drawings of the flower.

The children have all been asking this week when we will be going on our local walk around Cottam. Weather permitting, we should be able to go out for a little trip (and maybe to the park) next week.

Next week in Reception

Next week we are going to be looking at the book "SuperTato". This book is about a superhero potato that goes on lots of adventures. The children will be creating their own superhero characters, small world potato characters along with painting using different vegetables. If you have any old sheets / pillowcases at home that you no longer use please could you send them in with your child next week - thank you.

In our phonics lessons, our focus is going to be on writing. The children will be practising the sounds that they have learnt so far and learning how to put these sounds together to spell words. I have included in your child's book bag the sounds that they have learned so far. If you could practise these over the weekend, that would be great. In our maths lessons we are going to be looking at repeated patterns using colours.

Notices

We will be commencing work next week on our outdoor canopy, so the children will be spending their playtimes on the cage (near the field). The children are all very excited to see this being built and we all cannot wait to play inside it.

Water Bottles - please ensure **ALL** children have a water bottle in school.

Picking up your child - At all times parents **MUST** come into the school yard to collect their children. Some parents are waiting behind the wall and this is deemed as unsafe for the little ones with busy traffic on the road. Many thanks.

Homework

We are noticing that some children are not taking their homework home on a Friday. We think this may be due to the year 6 buddies coming and reading with your child and taking the worksheets out. We will make sure that each Friday your child's book bag is thoroughly checked before they come out of school. If you do find that their homework is missing please leave a note in their home diary. Thank you.

On over the rainbow this week is.....

Isaac
Lewis
Elliot
Kayla
Sienna



Well done Sienna for your curriculum award this week and a big congratulations to **Neve** for always showing **courage**, even when things get a little tricky. You're all super stars!