



## Reception Weekly Newsletter

20.9.19

We have had another great week. We have been thinking about the 'owl babies' story again this week and we have looked at some information about owls. The children have written a list of items the owl babies might take on a picnic in the woods. We have used this to assess the children's writing at the beginning of the year. Super effort everyone!

In PE we developed shoulder strength by combat crawling and pulling along on top of a bench, and core strength by balancing. This all leads to better fine motor and pencil control.

In phonics this week we have learnt the phonemes s and a. we have practised sounding out words, saying each sound in turn. E.g. "Cat = c-a-t. Top = t-o-p." The children have also been listening to the sounds in words and blending them together to say the word. E.g. " B-a-ck = back. C-a-t = cat." Next week we will be learning the phonemes t and p and reading the tricky word I. We will start to read simple words such as tap, pat, sat, at.

In maths we have learnt about the number 1 and the children have written the number 1 and drawn one thing in their maths books. "Start at the top, down you run, that's the way to write a one."

Next week we will recap 1 and practise our counting skills.

Home reading expectations - we ask that children read at least three times a week and that you record this in their reading record. This reading could include completing their Reading Eggs. We will collect in the reading books on a Wednesday and return them to you on a Thursday or a Friday.

Roll up and Read - thank you for anyone who came on Thursday to our first 'Roll up and Read'. We will have this short session each Thursday at 8.50 - 9.05. You are welcome to come and share a book with your child for part or all of the session. We have found it is a great way to develop a love of reading. Children are welcome to bring a book from home for this session or for any story time during the week. We are trying to raise the profile of reading this year and we thank you for your support with this.

### Diary Dates

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET day - school closed for staff training
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Stay and Play 8.55 - 10.30. All welcome
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Stay and Play 1.30 - 3.15. All welcome
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Break up for the half term
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET day - school closed

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Houghton, Miss Horner and the Reception team.

If you want to ask any questions or send any photographs or WOW moments to us, you can email us at:

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