



Monday 19th November 2018

Dear Parents,

Reception Curriculum Update

Phonics The children have now been introduced to all of the phase 2 sounds, and some of the phase 3 sounds and high frequency words.

Phase 3

- Set 6: j, v, w, x.
- Set 7: y, z, zz, qu.
- Consonant digraphs (a digraph is where 2 letters make 1 sound): ch, sh, th, ng.

Using these sounds (or phonemes) your child will now be able to create some words with their sound cards and apply them to reading captions. Such as: *jet, quick, yum, buzz, zip, chip, shell, bath, ring, sing, fish and chips, pick up a shell*

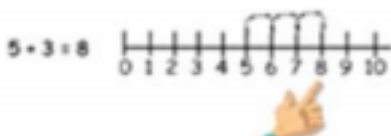
Again, if you need a demo of the segmenting/blending process please ask a member of the Reception class team. A fun way to practice phonics is by making the words out of a variety of letter shapes e.g magnetic letters on the fridge, foam letters in the bath, alphabetti, or potato letters! Post a picture to Tapestry if you get creative!



Number - In our number work we have been combining groups of objects together to add. We have been using any objects around the classroom, or even our fingers.



Eventually we also move to counting on and using a number line to support addition, such as



The range of vocabulary we use includes add, more, altogether, plus, addition, make and sum. We will soon be moving to include subtraction, take- away, minus, less and will use similar strategies with a variety of resources.



Tapestry - We are thrilled to see so many parents viewing, liking and uploading to Tapestry! Over the next couple of weeks we would like to ask that alongside any other exciting posts you choose to put on, that you try and post a picture of some of the writing your child does at home, e.g writing a shopping list, Christmas card, letters to a family member, posters for Santa/ Elf... Anything they wish!

Christmas - As Christmas is fast approaching, we are planning to build the festive excitement in to our learning and are planning to walk to the Garden Centre (Woodbank Nurseries) to see the Christmas display and take inspiration for our story telling and writing. We will be walking during the school day on Monday 3rd December after Registration at 9am and plan to be back in class by 10:30am. If any parents are free on that morning, please let me know by Monday 26th November.

Festive Decorations - In preparation for the festive season we asking the children to create a 'home-made decoration' to hang on our classroom tree. This has been a much loved tradition in the past and I look forward to seeing the children's decorations. **Please can any decorations be brought into school on Monday 3rd December.** We will spend some time on this day sharing our decorations with each other and hanging them on the tree.

Dates for your Diary- The Nativity letters and tickets have now been given out. Please come and speak to a member of the Reception team if you have any problems getting to a performance or sorting out a costume.

Many thanks

Mrs Leanne Ruddock
Assistant Head