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Reception Newsletter

**Phonics and Literacy**

Last week we looked at the long and short oo sound. We have been practising recognising all of the digraphs we have learned so far and using them in our independent sentence writing. We are really pleased with how much progress all of the children are making in their letter formation and pencil control. In our Literacy lessons we have been listening to and recalling the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We have created some amazing story maps and now we are focusing on rewriting the story ourselves.

**Maths**

In Maths we have been looking at numbers 9 and 10. We practised representing these numbers in different ways using our fingers, Numicon, counters and the written words. We also looked at number bonds to 10 thinking of different combinations of numbers that make 10. We talked about how doubling means adding the same again and we practised using our fingers to help us work out doubles to 10.

**Topic**

We have continued to talk about how things grow and change during the season of Spring. We have enjoyed studying different flowers, fruits and vegetables and we will be planting our own seeds later this week. In our Religious Education lessons, we listened to the story of Palm Sunday and have learned how we can grow to be more like Jesus during Lent. Today we have learned all about St. Patrick and how the feast day is a special event in our school. We enjoyed a special game of Irish Bingo with our Year 6 buddies and we had fun learning Irish dancing with Miss Katherine!

**Homework**

- Please continue to access the Phonics Bug reading books at home. Try to read **three** times a week or every day if possible.

- Can you practise writing the following words: *moat, road, night, high?* Maybe you could also write this sentence: *I had a fright in the night.*

- Could you spot some of the signs of spring when you go for a walk or visit the park? Look out for buds and spring flowers.

Many thanks, please contact us if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

The Reception Team



