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Reception Newsletter

**Phonics and Literacy**

For the remainder of this half term, we will be continuing to reinforce the phonics sounds we have covered so far. We are practising using these independently in our writing alongside tricky words. In our Literacy lessons we have continued to enjoy The Very Hungry Caterpillar as well as other Eric Carle stories such as The Bad Tempered Ladybird and The Mixed-Up Chameleon. Wow! Our extended writing piece on The Very Hungry Caterpillar was amazing! The children worked so hard to build the sentences independently using all of their phonics and writing skills.

**Maths**

In Maths we have continued to look at number bonds to 10. We have used the Numicon and other resources such as the abacus to support this. We have been practising counting in 10s and will also be counting in 2s and 5s. World Maths Day on Friday was a great opportunity to explore our Maths skills further through a range of activities. We spent time counting out our Hungry Jar money looking at the different coins and talking about their values.

**Topic**

It has been a busy week! On Monday we had a lovely day celebrating St. Patrick’s Day. As is tradition, it is always a very special day in our school. We learned all about St. Patrick and about the different ways the feast day is celebrated. We also took part in some fun activities with our Year 6 buddies such as bingo and colouring and collage activities. On Friday, we had a lovely time planting sunflower seeds with our Year 6 buddies. We talked about what they need to grow well and we are looking forward to see how they grow and change. This week we will be focusing on our Journey in Love RHSE activities looking at a story and talking about what makes us special and unique.

**Homework**

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

- Phonics Books – please complete the words and sentences.

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

The Reception Team



