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Reception Newsletter

**Phonics**

We have been working hard on our letter formation and practising writing short words. We continued to focus on the sounds s, a, t and p and we also looked at the tricky word I. We talked about how tricky words cannot be sounded out and must be learned ‘off by heart’. Well done to all those children practising in their phonics books at home. We have added this week’s sounds for you to continue to practise. In our Literacy lessons we have been looking at the story The Gruffalo. We have created our drawings of the Gruffalo and thought about his characteristics.

**Maths**

This week our number of the week is 1. We are thinking about different ways of representing the number such as using the Numicon, counting out objects and showing the number on our fingers. We have been continuing to look at sorting, matching and comparing and we are focusing on making a set of objects.

**Topic**

We have started our new topic “Welcome”. We talked about what the word means and how we can welcome people into our classroom and at home. This week we will be re-enacting a Baptism, sharing stories and looking at pictures of families celebrating a Baptism. We would love for children to bring in photos of their own Baptism if possible or other Baptisms they have attended.

**Hello Yellow Day**

We had a lovely time celebrating Hello Yellow World Mental Health Day on Tuesday. We had a “Spa Day” with mediation, yoga, foot baths and healthy smoothies. We also enjoyed spending time with our Year 6 buddies in the afternoon.

**Homework**

Thank you to all parents and children who brought in items to add to our Autumn collection. Wow what lovely interesting things the children have collected! We are going to be using these for counting and sorting in our Maths lessons this week.

- Please can you continue to practise the sounds in the Phonics Book with your child. This week we have added the sounds i, n, m, d. Please can these books come back to school each Monday so that we can add the new sounds for that week.

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

The Reception Team



