

**ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Reception Newsletter

**Phonics**

Last week we focused on the sounds ck, e, u, r. We talked about how ck is a digraph – two letters that make one sound and we have begun to look at writing a short sentence such as ‘Pat a dog.’. We talked about how we need to use a capital letter, full stop and finger spaces between each word. We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school this week to discuss our phonics programme further.

**Maths**

Last week we began our next unit of learning: *It’s me 1,2,3*. We learned about the term ‘*subitise’* which means to recognise how many in a set of objects without counting them. This is an important skill that we will continue to build on throughout this year. We matched sets of objects to the correct numeral and we talked about how a triangle can also represent the number three as it has three sides.

**Feast of All Saints**

As part of our Celebration of the Word worship sessions, last week, we focused on the Feast of All Saints and learned about saints we may know of such as St. Patrick.

**Topic**

We completed our Welcome topic last week and had a special remembering and reflection session. This week we will be talking about Remembrance Day and learning about the significance of the poppy. We will also be looking at some stories celebrating differences and how to show respect as part of our work on Anti-Bullying week.

**Homework**

- A new e-book has been added to your child’s Phonics Bug Club account and a home reading book sent home. Please practise reading these at home at least **three** times during the week. Ever child has also brought home a Library book. This is a story book for you to read to them to encourage reading for pleasure.

- We are continuing to add sounds to practise in your child’s phonics book. Well done to all children who are practising their reading and writing at home, we can really see the impact in school. This week you could write the sentence “I go to bed.”. Please continue to work through these books at your own pace.

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

The Reception Team



