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Reception Newsletter

**Phonics**

Thank you to all parents who attended the Phonics Information sessions. If you were unable to attend and would like a handout please speak to Mrs Shirley. Last week we completed our Phase 2 Phonics. We are getting really good at letter formation and we practised writing some short sentences such as “I can hop” and “I am fit”. We have also been practising recognising our tricky words: the, to, no, go, I and into. In Literacy, we looked at the story Simon Sock as part of Anti-Bullying week. We wrote sentences about Simon using our phonic knowledge and we really enjoyed sharing these during circle time.

**Maths**

Last week we looked at circles and triangles. We practised recognising them in pictures and our environment and we used them to make shape pictures. We talked about their properties using the language ‘sides’ and ‘corners’. Our number of the week was number 4. We practised forming this correctly and talked about different ways we can represent number 4.

**Topic**

Last week we talked about Remembrance Day and the significance of the poppy. Our Year 6 buddies came down to share what they know about Remembrance Day and we enjoyed this special sharing session with them. We have begun our new Religious Education topic Prophecy and Promise. We talked about how the Angel Gabriel visited Mary with a special message and we reenacted the story using props.

**Reading Books**

Please can you ensure that your child’s phonics reading book is in their book bag each Monday so that we can change it for a new one. Children need to practise reading these or the e-books a minimum of three times each week in order to develop their decoding skills.

**Homework**

- Could you practise subitising numbers to 5. This is quickly recognising sets of numbers without counting them. There is a PowerPoint you can use on the class page but you could also use small sets of toys or other household objects.

Many thanks for your continued support, please contact us if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

The Reception Team



