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Reception Newsletter

**Phonics**

Last week we worked really hard on getting into our Phonics routine each day. The children did a fantastic job! We practised writing our names, sang the alphabet song and practised writing the letters s, a, t and p. This week we will be recapping on these sounds and practising writing some short words such as sat and tap. Please can you practise with your child in their phonics book each day. We know it can be tricky to fit in and children are tired after a long day at school but it really does make a difference.

**Maths**

We have been enjoying practising forming the numbers 1 to 5. We had fun copying the Numberblocks and watching the correct way to form the numbers. This week our number of the week was 0. We thought of different ways to represent this using fingers, the written word and the numeral.

**Topic**

Today we began our Welcome topic. We thought about what the word means and how we can make our friends feel welcome. We will be sharing stories such as Our House exploring the meaning of Welcome.

We are also focusing on the story The Gruffalo over the coming weeks linking this into our Autumn topic and our Literacy lessons. Perhaps you could share the story at home or have a go at retelling the story together?

**Homework**

- Your child will have brought home a Phonics Book today. Each week we will write in the four sounds and a couple of short words that we are learning in school so you can practise them at home. Try to practise these every day with your child or as often as possible. Your child can also practise forming the letters and write some simple CVC words in their Phonics Book.

- On Thursday we will be celebrating Hello Yellow – World Mental Health Day. We have uploaded Well Being Bingo for you to have a look at, at home this week.

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

The Reception Team



