

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

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Reception Newsletter

**Phonics**

We have been working hard on our letter formation and practising writing short words. Last week we focused on the sounds i, n, m and d 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’. In our Literacy lessons we have been looking at the story The Gruffalo. We have created our own story maps and described him using language from the story.

**Maths**

Each week we focus on a number of the week. So far, we have looked at numbers 0, 1 and 2. We thought 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 practising writing numbers each day in school focusing on the correct formation.

**Topic**

We have continued with our work on our “Welcome” topic. Thank you to all children who have brought in photos to share. We have enjoyed looking at these during our circle time activities. Each day we take part in Celebration of the Word which forms part of our daily worship. We have a different theme each week which we encourage children to share with you at home. This week we will be focusing on families.

**Supporting your child at home**

Mrs Shirley will be holding a short meeting for parents after school which will provide information on our Phonics programme and how to support your child’s learning at home. This will take place during the week commencing 11th November. A separate letter with more information about this will be sent home later this week.

**Homework**

- Please can you continue to practise the sounds in the Phonics Book with your child. This week we have added the sounds g, o, c and k. Some words to practise are: pig, cop, kit. Please can these books come back to school each Monday so that we can add the new sounds for that week.

- Your child has brought home their Reading Record today. Inside your child’s Reading Records are details of how to log onto the Phonics Bug website. Your child has their own username and password and has been allocated an e-book to practise reading at home.

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

The Reception Team



