



# Reception Newsletter

## Friday 25th September 2020



It has been a busy week and it is great to see all of the children getting used to new routines and settling down. Thank you so much for all your support and being patient with the social distancing system.

### Our topic this half term is

#### 'Over the Rainbow'

As part of our topic, 'Over the Rainbow', we have been learning about our family, our friends and our home. We have talked about how much we love our family, our friends and our home. This term we are going to make a scarecrow for our secret garden from reclaimed materials. Can we think about what is a scarecrow used for?



### A big thank

**you** to those who attended the Zoom Reception Reading Workshop. Power



point is available on our website under Parent- Parent workshops.

### Packed lunch



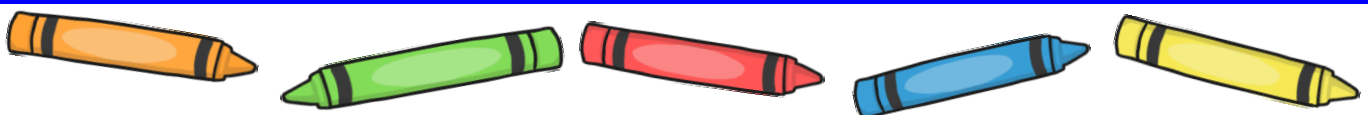
We have a busy day in Reception and children need healthy lunch. If your child has a packed lunch, please make sure it is healthy. No chocolate or sweets, please.

All parents can apply for milk online  
<http://www.coolmilk.com>

### Reading at home

Children will be bringing a book to read at home and keep for a week. Please make some time to read with your child regularly. Here are some tips to help you enjoy story time at home.

- If you can, turn off the TV, radio and computer. It's easier for both of you to enjoy the story without any other distractions.
- Sit close together. You could encourage your child to hold the book themselves and turn the pages, too.
- Take a look at the pictures. You don't just have to read the words on the page. Maybe there's something funny in the pictures that you can giggle about together, or perhaps your child enjoys guessing what will happen next.
- Ask questions and talk about the book. Picture books can be a great way to talk through your child's fears and worries, or to help them deal with their emotions.
- Have fun! There's no right or wrong way to share a story – as long as you and your child are having fun. Don't be afraid to act out situations or use funny voices.



## Phonics

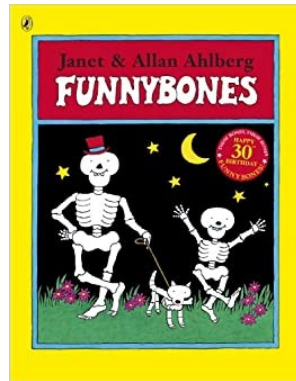
This week's new sounds were **g, o, c, k** and we have learned the tricky word **'the'**. We started to read simple words such as **'dog, cat, mop, dig'**. We also had a go at writing some words. This week there is homework for your child to practise writing the letters. The sheets do not need to be returned to school – children can keep practising until they are confident to write and recognise the letters.



## Literacy

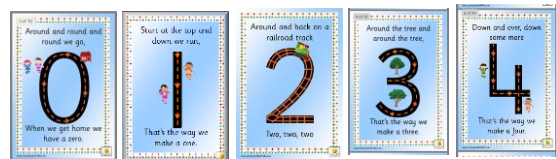
Our story of the week has been 'Bee and Me' by Alison Jay. We read about a bee and a girl planting seeds for the flowers to grow. Ask your child if they can remember the story map they made.

Next week it will be 'Funny Bones' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. We will be learning about our body. You can find the story on Youtube ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o\\_K\\_0GmE1mY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o_K_0GmE1mY))



## Maths

In our maths lessons this week we have learned numbers from 0 to 4. We counted objects, claps, jumps and found the numbers around our classroom. We also learned how to write them. Can you have a go at number hunting? Where can you find the numbers 0, 1, 2, 3, 4?



## Attendance w/e 18/09/2020

Donaldson: 84.3%

Hargreaves: 93.1%

Seuss: 92.4%

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Have a lovely weekend!

