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## Learning

### 24th November 2017

### Phonics, Literacy & Numeracy

In Phonics this week we have continued learning about letter sounds (phonemes). The children have been introduced to /j/ as in jelly; /v/ as in van; /w/ as in wind and /x/ as in fox. Previously we have introduced /s/, /a/, /t/, /p/, /i/, /n/, /m/, /d/, /g/, /o/, /c/, /k/, /ck/, /e/, /u/, /r/, /h/, /b/, /f/, /ff/, /I/, /II/ and /ss/. Please practise saying these phonemes at home, see if you can find them in books or when you are out and about.

We have also looked Our Word Tree which currently displays the high frequency words it, is, in, the, I, go, we, me and be.

In Literacy we have based our learning around pets. The children have been writing information about their pets or based on a pet from a shared book.

During Maths we have been counting in 2s and making pictograms about our favourite pets. Try completing a family pictogram at home to show your families favourite food, colour, toy or game.

Both classes will have an open Phonics session next Tuesday at 9am when parents are able to attend. If you would like to come please see your class teacher as places are limited.

We have begun weekly sessions on empathy as a way to improve the children's understanding of how people might think and feel. Talk about character's feelings when sharing books this weekend.

#### Reminders and Next Week's Learning

Next week we will base our learning around . As part of the learning we are inviting children to dress up for school as a super hero or their hero on Friday.

A big thank you to Breckin's mum for bringing in their pet rabbit and Noah's mum for bringing in their pet tortoise. This really helped with our learning about pets.

Your child's Literacy Next Step has been reviewed this week and a sheet explaining their progress has been sent home. Please practise this learning at home to help your child progress.

Mega Movers sessions have now been completed, the children really enjoyed them and received medals.

Thank you to everyone who has paid for the trip to the pantomime. We have received lots of offers for help on the day and will inform you very soon if you will join us on the trip

A Parent Helper Timetable is up on the Reception Notice board, sign up your name in an available slot. Parent readers have begun coming into school.

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We have had lots of cases of head lice in school over the past few weeks. Please ensure you check your child's hair regularly and complete a treatment if head lice are found to avoid spreading them to other children. Thank you.

The Early Years Christmas performances will be completed on the morning and afternoon of Friday  $15^{\rm th}$  December.



Well done to all the children for completing the Mega Movers sessions so enthusiastically over the last few weeks!

