

This week the children have enjoyed learning about the book *A Squash and a Squeeze*. The children have been busy building their own houses for all the animals and have also done some beautiful drawings and paintings of the Squash and the Squeeze house. All of the children wrote about the story and we were really impressed with some of the sentences they came up with.

In phonics this week we have learned the sounds:

tch nk ai ee

Please practice these at home. Please remember to let your class teacher know when your child is confident with reading all of their teddy/ fish or boat words etc.

This week we have been practicing recognising our teen numbers, if you would like you could practice writing your numbers to 20. Also you could design your own house for all the characters from *A Squash and a Squeeze* to live in.

Our book next week is *Highway Rat*.

Important Health Notice

Reception currently have 12 children and 3 staff members off school with sickness/diarrhoea (gastroenteritis). Should your child be off school with sickness/diarrhoea the medical advice is that they should be kept away from school for **48 hours from the last episode** to reduce the spread of infection. Please could we ask for your help with this.

Pitch in a Pound for the North Devon Hospice - 11th to 15th February

It would be wonderful if the children could Pitch in a Pound next week for us help the North Devon Hospice with their valuable fund raising efforts. Please hand any donations to your class teacher. Thank you in advance for your support.

Progress Meetings - Tuesday, 12th/Wednesday, 13th February

Progress meetings will take place on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th February, we still have some slots left so if you would like to discuss your child's progress, then please book in with your class teacher.

Tempest Vista Photograph orders

Orders for the Reception vista photo must be handed to the school office by **Tuesday, 12th February**. Orders not returned to us by this date will need to be sent by parents directly to Tempest and could incur a postage charge.

Public Health England (PHE)- Dental Health Survey - Thursday, 28th February

PHE have sent requests to parents of 5 year old children to allow their child to be part of its national survey. PHE are collecting information about whether dental health is improving in this age group and to allow them to compare different areas of the country and to plan improvements in the dental health services. The examination will be carried out in school with staff members present and is purely a survey with no treatment being involved. If you have received a letter please could you return this to your class teacher whether you are giving or withdrawing your permission.

Lunch menu for next week is 'Week Two'.

Diary Dates (don't forget to check the school website, www.ovschool.co.uk for up to date information)
Mon, 18th to Fri, 22nd Feb - HALF TERM

Mon, 25th Feb - back to school.

Have a fantastic weekend. Best wishes.

The Reception Team

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End of Reception Targets

Appointments with your class teacher available to book
on
Tuesday, 12th and Wednesday, 13th February
between
3.30pm and 5pm

Literacy- Reading.

Children read and understand simple sentences. They use phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately. They also read some common irregular words. They demonstrate understanding when talking with others about what they have read.

Literacy- Writing

Children use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds. They also write some irregular common words. They write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others. Some words are spelt correctly and others are phonetically plausible.

Maths- Number

Children count reliably with numbers from one to 20, place them in order and say which number is one more or one less than a given number. Using quantities and objects, they add and subtract two single-digit numbers and count on or back to find the answer. They solve problems, including doubling, halving and sharing.



Join us
**DONATE £1 ON
FRIDAY 15 FEB**
at school, work or in your community

To support the local charity



**we are asking children to bring in loose change
(amounting to £1) w/c Monday 11th February.**

**On Friday 15th February
we will be using the coins to create an image on
the school playground.**

Thank you for your support!!

This pink scooter has been left at school for some time now.

Does it belong to you?

