

# Reception News

## 13.02.26

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have concluded our learning of traditional tales by learning the story of 'The Enormous Turnip'. We began by learning our story along with actions to help us recall the key events, we then pretended to be part of the story and made a chain to try to pull out the turnip. We mapped out our story and used them to retell the story to our friends and teachers. We looked at some different root vegetables and dug them up in our digging area. We practised our observational drawings, focusing on the shape and colour of the different vegetables and then used our phonics skills to label the pictures. Thank you for coming to join us for stay and play. The children love being able to share their favourite things in the classroom with you. I hope you enjoyed looking through your child's Learning Journey. We are so proud of how much progress and growth they have all made.

In maths this week we have continued our learning of the numbers to 10 and their deeper meaning. This week's focus were the numbers up to 5. Can the children recognise the numerals 1-5? Can they write them? We looked at what these numbers were made up of e.g., 4 ones. We used the part-whole model to learn how the numbers can be partitioned e.g., the whole is 4, 2 is a part and 2 is a part and the whole is 5, 3 is a part and 2 is a part. Can they children show you their understanding of this at home? Can they recognise the quantity without having to count it?

### Weekly Phonics

Our focus this week has been how to decode longer words e.g., rocket and farmyard

As this was the last week of the half term, we have been completing our phonics assessments. We always tell the children it is their time to show off! I have sent their assessments home in their bags this week for you to be able to see how they got on. Next half term we will be having a recap of the Phase 3 sounds and continue our learning of longer words and words with endings such as 'ing' and 's'.

### Home Learning

After the half term we will be starting our topic of Old MacDonald Had a Farm. Within this we will be learning about the season of Spring and all the joys it brings and life on a farm. Over the half term take some time to go on a nature walk and using your Spring checklist see if you can spot any signs that spring is nearly here. Please take pictures and note down any wow moments-we'd love to see the fun you all had out on your adventures.



**Look Listen and Note:**

Can the children explain what retell means?  
Can the children re-tell the story of The Enormous Turnip?  
Can the children talk about the events in the story?  
Can the children retell the events in the story in the correct order?  
Can the children say who characters are?  
Can the children talk about the characters in the story?  
Can the children think of any descriptive words?

Can the children apply their phonic knowledge to their writing?  
Do the children use a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop?  
Can the children form the letters correctly?

Can you recognise the numerals 1 to 5?  
Can you say what the numbers are made up of?  
Can you use a part-whole model to partition the numbers 5?

Can the children talk about what plants need to grow?  
Can the children follow simple instructions?  
Can the children talk about how to care for your vegetables?  
Can the children use tools for a purpose?

Can the children respond to a story?  
Can the children verbally tell a story?  
Can the children take turns to act out a story?

Have a fabulous week full of fun!

***Mrs Harrison***