

# Reception News

## 21.05.26

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, the children have continued their learning about jungle animals, with a particular focus on frogs, birds and storytelling. At the start of the week, they explored non-fiction texts to learn interesting facts about poisonous frogs, creating their own mind maps and sharing what they had discovered. The children then moved on to learning about jungle birds, where they discussed different species, their features and habitats, and enjoyed a creative activity making their own colourful parrots. In the middle of the week, the children took part in Helicopter Stories, where they used their imagination to tell their own stories and worked together to act them out. Towards the end of the week, they developed their writing skills by describing a jungle animal and writing simple sentences, focusing on using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. It has been wonderful to see the children growing in confidence, creativity and independence throughout their learning. Thank you to everyone who came to support the children in our class assembly. I think they all did a fantastic job in learning their lines and talking about all the things they have learned this year. I can't believe we will be coming back into our final half term of Reception.

This week in Maths, the children have been learning all about sharing equally. We explored how to divide groups of objects fairly so that everyone has the same amount. The children enjoyed using practical resources such as cubes, counters and toys to practise sharing into equal groups through hands-on activities and games. We encouraged the children to use mathematical language such as "equal", "share" and "same amount" as they explained their thinking. It has been lovely to see the children developing their problem-solving skills and working collaboratively with their friends.

### Weekly Phonics

Assessment week

We have been practising all the learning that has taken place this half term.

### Look Listen and Note:

- Can the children explain how to share objects equally?
- Can the children explain how to make sure everyone has the same amount?
- Can the children tell you anything about a poisonous frog?
- Can the children tell you anything about a parrot?
- Can the children write about a jungle animal?
- Can the children think of their own ideas?
- Can the children hear, say and write the sounds in the words?
- Can the children form letters correctly?
- Can the children read/ write any tricky words?
- Can the children respond to a story?
- Can the children verbally tell a story?
- Can the children take turns to act out a story?

**We hope you have a brilliant half term! We will see you for the final term on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.**

**Mrs Harrison**