

Dear parents/carers,

We have had an amazing week with all the Reception children! It has been so lovely getting to know all about them. They've been settling into the classroom and the routine really well.

This week we have been:

- practising mark making on whiteboards.
- drawing facial features using mark making patterns.
- singing counting songs to 10 including 'Ten in the Bed' and '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, once I caught a fish alive'.
- using pastels to recreate Kandinsky's painting using mark making patterns.
- practising routines, remembering to make toilet trips and being very grown up cleaning our plates away in the lunch hall.

Next week we will be:

- reading 'The Same, but Different Too!' by Karl Newson & Kate Hindley.
- comparing what our houses look like.
- counting to and from 3 and looking at different representations of numbers.
- recapping phase 1 phonics skills through games and songs.
- practising our cutting and gluing skills to create a collage.
- practising forming numbers 1–3.

You can help at home by:

- continuing to give reminders and having a daily planner/calendar in view if children are going to clubs after school.
- talking about what's for lunch each day if you can (the menu is on the school website).
- reading, playing and talking with your child daily.
- practise writing their name.
- practising good posture while sitting cross-legged.
- bringing your clean recycling items to school for our junk modelling area!

Have a lovely weekend,

Annie, Lucy, Ginny and Yasmin