




# Reception Newsletter

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July



## Weekly Message

This week in Reception, we have been focusing on the story **The Three Billy Goats Gruff**. The children enjoyed creating story maps with detailed pictures, writing wanted posters for the troll, spotting speech bubbles in books and writing speech for the goats.

We also took part in a '**Play in a Day**' workshop. The children spent the morning practising their dances to tell the story of Pinocchio and in the afternoon, performed in front of the rest of the school as part of a whole school production.

The children had a go at designing and building their own bridges. First, we explored types of bridges and then had a go at building bridges using large blocks to see if we could build a bridge across the sandpit! The children loved telling the story and creating their own versions with different characters. The children then explored building a smaller bridge using a variety of resources, such as cups, cardboard rolls, lolly sticks, marshmallows, tape and string. The children problem solved and worked collaboratively with friends to build a bridge for a goat.

In Phonics, we learned the new trigraph '**air**', which can also be represented by the graphemes '**ear**' and '**are**'.

In Maths, we explored odd and even numbers and developed our understanding of **doubles**. We represented doubles using rekenreks and explored different ways to show them, including using ten frames. We then identified odd and even patterns and sorting numbers.

## A peek at the week

Next week, we will continue our storytelling theme with the traditional tale *The Three Little Pigs*. The children will be designing different houses and exploring structures to withstand the wolf (a fan!) from blowing it down.

We will also begin preparing for Year 1 by discussing the changes ahead and exploring our year 1 environment.

## Home learning

At school, we are focusing on playing with different friends and why it is nice to have different friendships and how they can change. At home, could you please also reinforce the message of playing with different and new friends and why it is good to do so and that it is normal for friendships to change over time as we all change ourselves.

## Reminders

### Sports Day:

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 9:30am to 11am at Coronation gardens.

We will be walking down to Coronation gardens at 9:15 and the children will be sorted into their teams and rotate around the different races.

### Meet the teacher

(children will meet their year 1 teacher): 14<sup>th</sup> July.



