

Reception Newsletter
November 20th 2020



Dear parents/carers,

This week we have been...

- Reading the story 'The Lost Property Office' Emily Rand
- Looking at the beautiful illustrations from the book and drawing our own versions.
- Talking about if we have ever taken a train journey and if so where to and who with.
- Learning about the artist Lowry and looking at his busy city scenes.
- Learning about the concept of 'one less' in maths. We have been asking children to show us 'one less' with their fingers, blocks, counters and singing songs such as 'ten green bottles'!
- Recapping the letter sounds e, u and r and having a go at writing simple CVC 3 letter words with them in such as set, cut, and rip.

Next week we will...

- Focus all of our learning on the classic book 'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell. This book is great for encouraging story re-telling and writing because of it's repetition.
- Write our own version of the story as a class.
- Create 'mixed up animals' by cutting and collaging different animal body parts.
- Add and subtract using objects and our fingers in maths. We will also introduce using the plus, minus and equals signs.
- Learn the sounds h, b and f. We will practise writing these letters and reading short words with these letter sounds in. We will learn the Jolly phonics songs and actions for these letters to support children's memory/recall. Please point out any objects that have these letter sounds at the start of them and see if children can tell you what the word begins with. If they can do this then ask them if they can segment the word to spell it phonetically such as "look a hat, what does hat start with? Can you sound out the word hat?" "h-a-t" Using letter sounds rather than letter names.

You can help at home by...

- Practise adding and taking away at home practically with things like toys, food items or natural objects.

We hope that you have a wonderful weekend.

