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*We pray together. We play together. We learn together.*

# Reception Newsletter

Week beginning 19.9.16

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children seem to be settling in to life at 'big school' and they continue to make us smile on a daily basis! They're full of joy and it's wonderful to see them all so happy during the provision times. We hope you have noticed a difference in them this week as they adapt to the school routines.

## Literacy

In our Literacy work this week we have been celebrating the wonderful mind of Roald Dahl. I am sure lots of you remember his stories and poems from when you were small; a favourite of mine was always Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We read the poem Pure Imagination from the book and talked about our imaginations. In the Early Years the children are so used to using their imagination as it comes so easy to them so it has been wonderful to hear some of their brilliant ideas over the course of the week. We gave the children a stick and told them to imagine it was something else and what amazing ideas they came up with! We have also learnt the beginning two verses of the poem off by heart and have watched the song performed by Gene Wilder in the old version of the film. The children absolutely loved watching this and have been engrossed in the magic of a land made of sweets and chocolate!

You can watch the song here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r2pt2-F2j2g>

We also talked about poems and discussed whether or not they have to rhyme. Some of the children thought they did, so I shared with them one of my favourite poems by Michael Rosen. It's called Chocolate Cake and is guaranteed to make you smile!

You can watch it here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7BxQLITdOOc>

## Maths

This week we have been talking about the numbers 4 and 5. We have discussed shapes that remind us of the number 4 - a square and a rectangle. We talked about why they are similar shapes but look slightly different and identified

them in the environment. The children have been explaining their understanding of this like true mathematicians! We have explored how to make number 4 and then number 5 using two hands by holding up different amounts on each hand. We can hold up two fingers on each hand to show four, or three on one and one on the other. The children were brilliant at this and this shows them that two numbers can form part of a whole number altogether. We have sang lots of songs about the number 5 that have helped us to count forwards and backwards.

## **RE**

This week we have continued learning about how special we are. We have learnt a song called If I Were a Butterfly that says 'I just thank you Father for making me, me!'. We have been practicing the actions too and trying to memorise the words.

You can sing along to the song here -

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=imO2NiKo\\_AQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=imO2NiKo_AQ)

## **Reception Coffee Morning - Cake request please ☺**

You are invited to a coffee morning on the 29<sup>th</sup> September at 9.15am, where you will be given an opportunity to meet each other, ask any questions and to discuss the planned curriculum for this term and hear more about the expectations for your child. We would love your support for the coffee morning by asking you to send in a small donation of cakes (homemade or shop bought) for us to use at the event. Your homemade cake might win our Bake Off prize! Our Coffee Mornings are held in support of Halton Haven and Macmillan.

## **Snack Money**

Please can we ask any outstanding snack money be handed in via your child's book bag by the end of next week. The cost of this for the first half term is £10.50. Many thanks.

## **Wellies**

Some children have not yet brought wellies in to school. Please can we ask that wellies are brought in labelled with your child's name. Many thanks.

## **Reading Books**

As you saw last week, on a Monday the children are able to come into the hall at 8.45am to choose a RARA book. We are waiting for our order of RARA bags to come in but for now, children will take home their RARA books in their book bags. This week all children should have a Reading Record which we encourage

you to write in to document that you have read with your child. These are to be sent into school on a Monday. Many thanks.

### Letters and Sounds

This week we have continued playing some games and doing some activities from Phase One Letters and Sounds. These help us to tune into sounds around us in the environment and distinguish between different sounds in the world and in words. We have been thinking about rhyme this week and have played some fun games on the whiteboard and in class to help support us with this.

### Homework

Homework will be given out on a Monday and a Learning Story documenting that this has been carried out is to be sent into 2Simple (see the Newsletter for instructions) by Friday. Many thanks. ☺

### School Newsletter

In addition to this class Newsletter, the office produces a School Newsletter each week. This will keep you informed of dates and events so **please read this every week to take note of these.**

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Mitchell, Ms Connolly and Miss Hindley

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# Pure Imagination

*Come with me and you'll be  
In a world of pure imagination  
Take a look and you'll see  
Into your imagination*

*We'll begin with a spin  
Trav'ling in the world of my creation  
What we'll see will defy  
Explanation*

*{Refrain}*

*If you want to view paradise  
Simply look around and view it  
Anything you want to, do it  
Want to change the world, there's nothing to it*

*There is no life I know  
To compare with pure imagination  
Living there, you'll be free  
If you truly wish to be*

*{Refrain}*

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**Roald Dahl**