



## Early Years Newsletter

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January

### With Miss Smith and Mr Bradman

This week the children have had a wonderful time reading the story of Supertato. The children have enjoyed making their very own supertato from real potatoes and ripping paper to make a supertato for display. The children have also been trying to free the evil peas who have been trapped in ice, as well as mashing potatoes in the tough spot. In Literacy the children have been drawing their own story map for the story of 'Whatever Next' and in Maths we have been adding, subtracting and recognising teen numbers. We have also been talking about PANTS this week and watching Pantosaurus, which is an assembly from the NSPCC website. Talking PANTS teaches children important messages, like their body belongs to them and they should tell an adult if they're upset or worried. If you would like to visit the website to watch the video yourself or to see what we have been talking about please visit:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

Congratulations to Hollie and Cameron for achieving the behaviour award.

### Next week

We will be continuing our work on superheroes and Supertato. The children will be concentrating on doubling and sharing. The children will be beginning to write their own stories and making moons out of salt dough.

### Forest School

Please continue to send children in with warm clothes for the forest. The children will need layers, gloves, hats and scarves.

For your information - average attendance year to date for Reception children is 95.74%, whereas the average for all other year groups to date is 97.1%. Let's see if we can get Reception's attendance up in the next few months in line with the rest of the school!

### With Mrs Bendall

This week, we have continued to learn about simple 2D shapes, looking at the appearance and number of their sides and describing them using words like, 'round' and 'straight'. Some of the children came on a shape hunt around the Classroom, finding objects that were circular, triangular, rectangular or square in shape and recording how many they had seen on our tally chart. We have also been looking at numbers to 5 and beyond in different ways; rolling cars down ramps to see which number they landed on and counting how many of our shoes could fit into a T-Rex's footprint. In Phonics, we tried to find the odd one out in a set of rhyming words and sorted objects according to whether they began with 's' or 'a'. Other popular activities this week have been mixing magic potions, making salt-dough decorations and painting dinosaurs in various shades of pink!

### Notices

- Bright Sparks: We would be very grateful if you could share with us any amazing achievements that your child has made out of school, so that we can celebrate them in school, too.
- If you have any uniform, pants, socks etc. at home that your child has borrowed from school could you please return them as soon as possible as we are running low.
- Please ensure all PE kit and school uniform is named with the correct name. We have numerous items of clothing in the classroom that are not named and are in our lost property. Please come and have a look if you are missing any items.
- If you have any spare boxes, containers etc. that you no longer need we would be very grateful of them so the children can build models in the outside area. Thank you.
- Please continue to write in your child's reading record once you have heard them read.

The Reception gate will be locked at 8:45am in line with the rest of the school. If you arrive after this time please go to the office. Thank you.

### Important Dates

7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February - Parents Evening

10<sup>th</sup> February – Break up for half term

20<sup>th</sup> February- Return to school

21<sup>st</sup> February – Class photos

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us,  
from all of the [Early Years Team](#).