

Reception News

Dear families,

We finish this week celebrating our wonderful Teaching Assistants for TA appreciation day – did you know TA actually stands for Totally Amazing? A huge thank you to Mrs Ellis, Ms Morey, Miss Hart, Mrs Fraser and all the other Pre Prep assistants who do so much to help the children each day!

This week the children have begun to learn their first set of phonics sounds – s a t p. We have enjoyed Scavenger Hunts, Kim's Game and talking like Robots as we become phonic experts!

The children have today brought home a little wallet with flashcards of these first 4 sounds. Please practice these with your child daily, they should say the sound and make the accompanying action. On Seesaw, we have a list of suggested activities you may wish to explore, as well as a video clip of Miss Harder demonstrating correct articulation of the sounds and accompanying action.

Please return your child's wallet each Friday, and we will add the next set of flashcards. As the collection grows, you can encourage your child to sound out and blend the phonemes together to support their reading.

In maths this week we have continued to explore matching and sorting, including comparing quantities. For homework this week please use the number cards in your child's bookbag to explore the challenge below.

Comparing Quantities to 5



Comparing Fingers

Pick a card. What number is on your card?

Using your fingers, can you make a number that shows fewer than the hand on your card?

Using your fingers, can you make a number that shows more than the hand on your card?

To deepen and extend your child's understanding, you may like to use these questions:

What number have you chosen? How do you know?

Can you think of a number that is more than that number? Can you show me?

Can you think of a number that is fewer than that number? Can you show me?

Can you count out some counters that are equal to your number? How can you check?

Show three fingers. How many fingers am I holding up?

Can you find the picture that shows more than my fingers?

Please share on Seesaw.

With best wishes for a lovely weekend,

The Reception Team