



## Our Week



What another busy week we have had. Here are some of the things that we have covered at school for you to discuss at home:

- We had visits from two parents this week (a nurse and a doctor) talking about their jobs. Thank you so much
- We have continued our topic on “People who help us” by focusing on learning about Fire fighters. We wrote down lists of important things that they need to do their job. We also thought about what we would do to help others if we were a Fire fighter.
- We learnt about how the first Fire fighters were established and what the first Fire engines looked like (Fire carts pulled by horses)
- We are continuing to enjoy reading to each other in Phonics and to an adult too. Our teachers are so pleased with the progress we are all making. We have been enjoying learning new special friends and trying hard to read our Green words speedily
- In RE we shared the story of “Jesus feeding the 5000” and thought about caring for others. We thought about how we could care for others, and we wrote our own prayers for the prayer table.
- In RSE we thought about when we have been unkind to others and when to say sorry. When we are unkind, we hurt God and should say sorry. We talked about recognising when people are being unkind to us and others and how to respond. We should forgive like Jesus forgives
- In Maths we explored finding different representations of the numbers 6, 7 and 8 and adding 1 more to a number.
- In Funky Fingers, we continued to develop our fine motor skills by drawing, colouring, cutting and manipulating playdough.
- In PE we are impressing Mrs Ramsden with our Gymnastics skills
- In Games we are learning how to control a ball, throwing and catching and bouncing it to each other.

## **Notes for parents**

- A huge plea to please ensure you are reading with your children every night and writing this in their reading diaries.
- Please continue to send in any flowers, cuttings, or herbs to use in our mud kitchen outside.
- Please could your child bring in a box (cereal, tea bags etc.) next week as we are making Emergency vehicles. If possible, could the boxes be covered in white paper prior to being sent in.
- Please could your child practise putting on their own gloves and zipping up their coats
- We would appreciate any spare school tights you may have
- PE next term will be outside. Children need to be dressed appropriately for outside and must have trainers on PE and Games days.
- A reminder that the children are only to bring in red book bags. We do not have the space in our cloakrooms for backpacks
- If you would like to volunteer as a weekly (or whenever you can) helper in either Puffins or Robins, then please contact your class teacher.

This week's handwriting practise:

<http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/resources/vc-pathways/341581/3647N2GQob6UxjYn>

## **Dates for your Diary**

- **WB 9<sup>th</sup> February**- Mental Health and Wellbeing Week – we will be exploring belonging in school
- **Tuesday 24th February** – St Polycarp's Science Fair (more information to be shared soon)
- World book day this year is **March 5<sup>th</sup>**.
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 3.15 to 4:00pm**- Open Books in classrooms
- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** – Inset day (no children in school)
- **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** – Parents Evening (In person)
- **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents Evening (online)

With best wishes,

The Reception Team