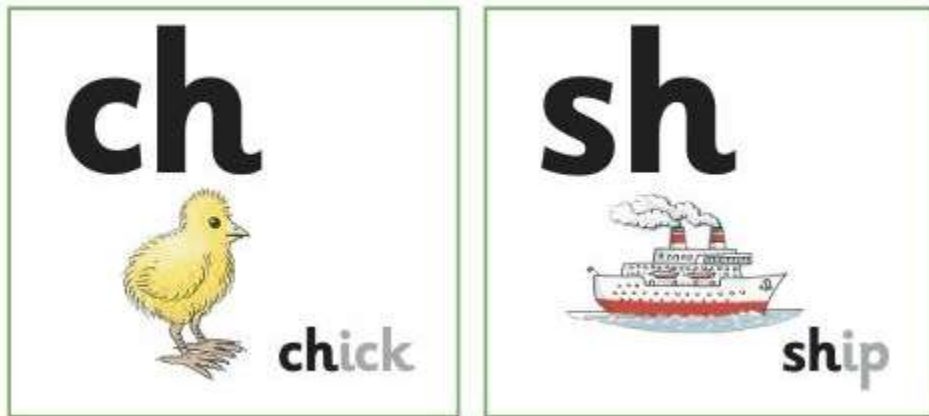


## Reception Newsletter: Spring Term, Week 7

### What have we explored this week?

This week's **Phonics** sounds:



Don't forget to use your Phonics keyrings to practise reading and writing these sounds. We use Floppy's Phonics online activities to practise reading the sound within words and then writing words. We have started to write sentences with spaces between words and full stops. For example, *I am on a **ship*** or *The **chick** is in the nest.*

In **weekend diaries** we would like to see children adding simple sentences, as they are confident little writers now. For example, *On Saturday I went to the..... On Sunday I went to the.....* Remember to add **spaces** between words and **punctuation** at the end of sentences. To extend writers, we would encourage **conjunctions** to add more information. These are words like *and, but, then, so.*

Here is an example of a weekend diary in Reception:



In **English**, the children have started learning about the classic story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. In order to fully immerse the children into the magic of the characters and setting, a giant beanstalk was created in the Reception playroom. The beanstalk has sparkly leaves, a cloud and giant boots hanging overhead. The children are very excited to see if the grumpy giant will appear! This has created awe and wonder as we begin our 'Talk for writing' story map and creative writing. Fee- fi- fo- fum, Reception children are having fun!



**Play and Explore-** The Reception teachers listen and take note of the children's interests. They try to support this in the playroom by setting up linked activities during 'play and explore' sessions. "I love fairies. I have a fairy door in my bedroom. Do you have one?" This week, a magic fairy garden has been created for the children to develop their communication during small-world role play.



In **Maths**, the children have been exploring all the number bonds to make ten. We have covered lots of creative learning through songs, dance, colouring, games and practical activities. Try to practise these at home using objects similar to the ten green bottles.

Videos to help with number bonds:

<https://youtu.be/zija7aVmziY> - number pairs to 5

<https://youtu.be/PIMK8bHoH68> - number pairs to 6

<https://youtu.be/k-PD8cUAvys> - number pairs to 7

<https://youtu.be/JtsVRgXt8CM> - number pairs to 8

<https://youtu.be/ZoOrRWYtv9c> - number pairs to 9

<https://youtu.be/ch7KzI3n2Zk> - number pairs to 10



### **Additional fun Learning:**

At Forest School this week, we went on a flower bud hunt as a sign of Spring.

Sanskrit is fun with Mrs Wyatt and we have been learning how to say colours.

Well done Ameen for finishing your sticker chart:



## Things to Remember

- We are really looking forward to World Book on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Please do remember your costumes. We invite children to bring a soft and small cuddly toy to school plus their favourite book to share with friends. Please ensure the book is named.
- Please keep practising the Shakespeare words for the show at the end of the term.
- Coming up this term:

School trip to Kew Gardens

Solar system topic

Cooking for both classes with chef Suzie

Art lesson for both classes with Mrs Fischel

Shakespeare performance

World Book Day

Comic Relief Day

RL class assembly

Grandparents Day

Book Look in class

Dates and more information coming soon.....