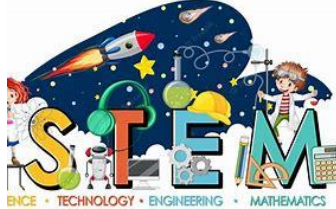


## Reception News

### 21.03.25

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a different week for us in Reception as we have been celebrating our second Wow Week.



In the mornings, we have been focussing on the technology and maths aspect of STEM. The children had a whole school assembly on Monday morning where they watched a video from The Entertainer asking them to design a new board game. In small groups, the children then researched games by playing some. Then, in small groups they decided which game they would be making and discussed the resources they needed. Each group had 10 counters to spend in the shop. On Wednesday, the children worked together to make their boards, game pieces and discuss the instructions. Towards the end of the week, the children enjoyed presenting their games to their peers and playing them together. We were delighted to welcome parents into school at the end of the day today to see the finished pieces. Thank you to The Entertainer for all of their support with our STEM week.



In the afternoons, we have been learning about Science. Each day, we tried out different science experiments. On Monday, we set up an experiment with flowers and coloured water. Throughout the week, we have observed the petals change colour. During the rest of the week, we completed investigations where we noticed an instant change. Some of the investigations were rainbow skittles, red cabbage potions, shaving foam rainclouds. It was so much fun!

In addition to all of the fun, we had some visitors this week. On Monday, we had an assembly from HS2. Then, Year 4 visited us on Wednesday to lead a Science experiment where we made spinning helicopters. Finally, on Friday Mrs Ridgers from CCC came to show us a magic trick with invisible ink.



### Home Learning:

- As part of the STEM Wow Week, the children have been set the same home learning as the rest of the school. We would ask that you spend some time playing board games with your children this week. Please talk to them about the rules, how to set up a game and taking turns. In school, we have also talked about how it doesn't matter whether we are winning or losing.
- Please also keep reading 5 times a week.

### Next week:

- In Maths, we will be learning about 3D shapes.
- In Literacy, we will be continuing with our book 'I will never ever eat a Tomato.' The children will be making their own front cover and blurbs.
- In Topic, we will be continuing our learning about Minibeasts.
- In Phonics, we will continue to recap phase 3. We will be assessing the children on all of the sounds the following week.

### Reminders:

- At drop off or pick up, please do not allow your children to use the Reception equipment. Things are getting broken and it is very difficult to keep this area nice and tidy.
- Please only send children with a maximum of £1 to school for Book Club. The idea of this club is that the children save weekly to buy a book. Thank you!
- Please only send water in your child's water bottle.

### Dates for your diary:

- We break up for Easter on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April.
- We return to school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.



**Requests - We would like to develop our Reception garden by planting seeds and bulbs with the children. If anyone has any seeds, bulbs, compost/soil and pot/planters at home that they would be willing to donate, we would be very grateful. Thank you!**

**Note - If you have any small yogurt pots, please send them in for us to use for our plant/spring topic.**



Have a great weekend!

Miss Watkins, Mrs Davis and all of the Reception Team

