



### ☀ Reception Newsletter – Last Week of Half Term ☀

What a fantastic and busy final week of half term we have had! The children have worked incredibly hard and we are so proud of everything they have achieved.

#### Literacy

In Literacy this week, we read *Little People, BIG DREAMS: Marcus Rashford*. We learned all about Marcus Rashford and how he showed kindness and determination by helping families who needed support with food. The children had thoughtful discussions about what kindness means, how we can help others, and why it is important to stand up for what we believe in. We made beautiful Kindness Hearts filled with kind words and actions. Inspired by Marcus, the children also designed their own football kits, showing fantastic creativity and imagination.

#### Phonics

In phonics, we focused on the 'igh' sound (as in night, light and high). The children have been working hard to read and write words containing this trigraph and are becoming more confident each day. Please continue spotting 'igh' words when reading at home.

#### Maths

In Maths, we explored height, comparing who and what was taller, shorter and the same height. The children enjoyed measuring and ordering objects by height. We also looked at daily routines, talking about what happens in the morning, afternoon and evening, and putting events in the correct order.

#### PE

In PE, we continued our gymnastics unit, pretending to move like police officers. The children practised balancing, stretching and controlled movements, showing increasing confidence and coordination. We also had a special one-off Muay Thai lesson for Mental Health Awareness Week. The children learned about focus, discipline and keeping their minds and bodies healthy. They showed great listening skills and enthusiasm throughout the session.

#### Winter Olympic Day

We had an amazing Winter Olympic Day. The children learned about different Winter Olympic sports, designed and made their own Olympic medals and created fantastic skiers. They tried out different winter sports activities outside and even took part in "Snowga" (winter-themed yoga). It was a wonderful day full of movement, creativity and teamwork.

#### Valentine's Disco

To finish the week, the children thoroughly enjoyed our Valentine's Disco. There was lots of dancing, laughter and smiles – a lovely way to celebrate together before half term.

Thank you for your continued support this half term. The children truly have worked so hard and should feel very proud of themselves. We hope you all have a restful and happy half term break. ☀

### AWARDS



**Achievers:** Freya and James

**VIPs:** Dominic and Reuben

