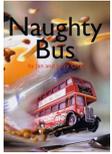




☀ Reception Newsletter – Second Half Term ☀

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely break. The children have settled beautifully into the second half term and are already working incredibly hard. We are so proud of them!

🎨 Drawing Club – *The Naughty Bus*



In Drawing Club, we have been enjoying the story *The Naughty Bus* by Jan and Jerry Oke.

The children have loved following the bus on its mischievous adventures! They have been absolutely fantastic at writing *sentence codes*. It has been wonderful to see their imagination, creativity and growing confidence in writing.

📖 Phonics

This week we have been learning the 'oa' phoneme (as in *boat, coat, road*).

The children have been practising:

- Reading words with the 'oa' sound
- Writing words using the 'oa' grapheme

Please continue to practise reading at home — little and often makes a big difference.

🔢 Maths

We have been practising counting beyond 20, making sure we are confident with the repeating number pattern (21, 22, 23... 31, 32, 33...). The children are beginning to notice how the numbers follow a predictable pattern — which is fantastic to see!

We have also continued exploring numbers 6, 7 and 8 and learning to see them as "5 and a bit."

For example:

- 6 is 5 and 1 more
- 7 is 5 and 2 more
- 8 is 5 and 3 more

The children have been using the staircase pattern to help them visualise how numbers grow, and we have been matching finger representations to Numberblock images to show different ways of representing the same number. This is really strengthening their understanding of quantity and number recognition.

🐉 Chinese New Year

We enjoyed finding out about Chinese New Year and learning about how it is celebrated around the world.

The children created beautiful Chinese dragons and learned about traditions, celebrations and the importance of family. They were very proud of their colourful creations!

PE – Football Funs

In PE, we have been developing our football skills, focusing on dribbling.

The children have been practising:

- Controlling the ball with their feet
- Keeping the ball close while moving
- Stopping the ball with their foot.

They have shown great enthusiasm and teamwork — well done Reception!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are looking forward to another exciting and busy half term ahead! 😊

AWARDS



Achievers: Ollie and Sadie

VIPs: Taha and Toby

Date for the Diary

Easter Bonnet Parade

As part of our Easter celebrations this year, the children in the Foundation Stage are having an Easter Bonnet Parade on Thursday 26th March at 9.15 am. Parents are welcome to attend.

Prizes will be awarded to the children who have tried their hardest to create their own bonnet (with a little help from you of course!). Please make your bonnets at home and send them to school on Thursday morning.

