

# Harris Primary School

## RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

16/01/26



### Star Awards

Neve & Henry

### Writer of the Week

Freya

#### Story of the week:

The Three Billy Goats Gruff

#### Wow vocabulary from our story:

hollered, pastures new, trotted, gnashed

#### Phonics Focus

Our sounds this week:

**x y z zz**

This week's Tricky Words:

**we be me**

#### Maths Focus

Can you recognise and write numerals 1 – 5?  
Play a board game with a dice. How quick can you  
subitise the dots on the dice?

#### Apologies

Please accept my apologies for the miscommunication in the Curriculum Newsletter regarding PE kits. PE kits are to remain in school for the half term, and children will change into their kits at school.

#### The Three Billy Goats Gruff

This week, we have read *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. We explored lots of new vocabulary and had a go at using this vocabulary when role-playing the story. The children drew pictures of the three billy goats and the troll and wrote captions to match their pictures. The children are working hard to sound out each word and check their writing once it is completed.

#### People Who Help Us

This week, we have begun our *People Who Help Us* topic. The children were very excited to share what they already know about the people in our community who help us. We learned about the job roles of people who work in the emergency services, as well as dentists, teachers, crossing patrol officers, postal workers, veterinarians, and refuse collectors. Next week, we will have our first special visitor – Dr Rachel, who is a veterinarian. She will be talking to us about her job, and we will have a go at using some real veterinary equipment!

#### Maths

This week in Maths, we have been focusing on recognising numerals from 1–5 and ordering numbers 1–5. The children were brilliant at playing Guess the Number! Each child had a turn describing the shape of a number to their friends, using some wonderfully mathematical vocabulary. Well done, Reception!

#### Music

Mr Baines will be leading our music lessons, fortnightly. We had a fantastic lesson on Tuesday where the children used musical language to describe the noises, they felt the picture was portraying. We sang a winter song and played a range of instruments. In our next lesson we will be learning all about pitch.

#### Things to remember

- Home reader changing days: *Mondays: Parrots – Tuesdays: Monkeys – Wednesdays: Zebras*
- Your child's reading pack must come into school everyday.

#### Gallery

To see our week in photos – check out our class gallery [here](#).