

# Harris Primary School

## RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

23/01/26



### Star Awards

**Finn & Molly**



### Writer of the Week

**Zayer**



**Story of the week:**  
The Three Little Pigs

**Wow vocabulary from our story:**  
brave, bold, fine day, heavy load, creeping

### Phonics Focus

Our sounds this week:  
*qy ch sh*

This week's Tricky Words:  
*was my*

### Maths Focus - Subitising

Flashy Fingers game - Quickly show a number of fingers on 1 hand, and ask your child to whisper the quantity shown to someone. Ask: 'Can you make this number on your fingers in the same way?' Ask: How do you know it's [3]?

### The Three Little Pigs

This week, we have read *The Three Little Pigs*. We explored lots of new vocabulary and had a go at using this vocabulary when role-playing the story. In their writing task this week, the children have been practising how to think, say, remember, and write a caption. They are continuing to work hard to sound out each word and check their writing once it is completed. Well done, Reception!

### People Who Help Us

We had our first special visitor on Thursday! Dr Rachel came into our classroom to talk about what it is like to be a veterinary surgeon. She let us explore her equipment, and we even got to try on what she wears during surgery. Earlier in the week, we thought about the questions we wanted to ask Dr Rachel. Mr Groom kindly brought in his dog, Albie, and we used a stethoscope to listen to Albie's heartbeat. Dr Chris, the dentist, will be visiting us on Wednesday morning to talk to us about his job and the importance of oral health. Dr Keta will be visiting us on Thursday and will be running a Teddy Bears' Clinic – please ensure your child brings in their teddy (soft toy) on **Thursday 29th January**. If you haven't done so already, please email the name of your child's teddy or soft toy to [eyfs@harris.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:eyfs@harris.lancs.sch.uk). This will allow us to prepare name badges.

### Maths

This week in Maths, we have been focusing on the composition of 5. We explored different ways of partitioning 5, using the song *Five Little Speckled Frogs* to support our learning. We discovered that if there were 3 frogs on the log and 2 frogs in the pool, there were still 5 frogs altogether – so, 3 and 2 make 5. We repeated this for 4 and 1. We also discussed what happens if we have 5 frogs on the log and 0 in the pool – 5 and 0 make 5!

### PE

We have continued with our dance topic in PE – moving around like animals! We are loving this topic! Please remember, next week PE will be on Tuesday instead of Thursday, for that week only.

### 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](#).