

# Harris Primary School

## RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

30/01/26



### Star Awards

Lyla & Sufyaan

### Writer of the Week

Maahir



**Story of the week:**  
Jack and the Beanstalk

**Wow vocabulary from our story:**  
steady, tall, beanstalk, turrets, balance, vines

### Phonics Focus

Our sounds this week:  
**th (thin) th (this) ng**

This week's Tricky Words:  
**you they**

### Maths Focus – Number Recognition and Counting

*Can you match quantities to numerals?*  
Write the numbers 1–6 on pieces of paper.  
First, put the numbers in order.  
Then count out objects to match each number.

### Home Readers

Listening to your child read at home is essential for developing early reading skills, building confidence, and improving fluency. Regular reading also helps children develop a love of books and supports their progress in school. Please write a brief comment in your child's reading diary each time they read, as this helps staff see how they are getting on and know when their reading books can be changed.

### Jack and the Beanstalk

The children have thoroughly enjoyed role-playing *Jack and the Beanstalk* this week, and it has been a joy to see. Their sentence and caption writing has blown us away — they are applying new learning to their writing every day! Keep it up, Reception!

### More People Who Help Us!

We were lucky to welcome visitors who help us in our community this week. Molly-Ann and Mia from the dentist taught us lots of facts about teeth and showed us how to brush our teeth correctly. Molly-Ann and Mia talked about how they help people keep their teeth healthy. On Thursday, Dr Keens ran a Teddy Bears' Clinic, where the children diagnosed and treated their teddies using real equipment, including stethoscopes, otoscopes and pulse oximeters. The children had a fantastic time learning how doctors help people. Please visit our gallery to see photos from both visits, and thank you to our visitors for taking the time to come in.

### Maths – Composition

In Maths, we have continued to explore the composition of numbers, extending our learning to 7. The children used double die frames to represent numbers in different ways, for example: 3 and 3 make 6, 5 and 1 make 6, and 6 and 1 make 7.

### Rainbow Challenges

We introduced our Rainbow Challenges this week — independent challenges linked to our learning. The children have been very excited to take part and have shown an excellent attitude towards their learning.

### 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](#).