

Harris Primary School

RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

18/09/26



Star Award
Grace



Maths Star
Freddie C



Writing Star
Esther



Story of the week:

The Colour Monster Goes to School

Wow vocabulary:

nervous, excited, routine, similar, different, exhausted

Phonics Focus

Our sounds this week:

s a t

We have been focusing on recognising the letters and oral blending and segmenting.

Maths Focus:

This week, we have been developing our subitising skills by recognising quantities of 1, 2 and 3 without needing to count. We have explored different arrangements of objects and representing these quantities in different ways.

What a busy week we have had in Reception! We have completed our first full week, and the children have absolutely smashed it! They have settled brilliantly into our routines and have shown so much enthusiasm for their learning. We are incredibly proud of them all.

Our story of the week has been *The Colour Monster Goes to School*. We talked about our own experiences of starting school and how we may have felt a little worried or nervous at first. Just like the Colour Monster, we discovered that once we are in school, we can feel happy and excited as we play, learn and spend time with our new friends and teachers. The children particularly enjoyed spotting the similarities and differences between their school day and the Colour Monster's school day.

As part of our *All About Me* topic, we have been exploring the things that make each of us unique, as well as discovering the ways in which we are similar to our friends. We each created a fingerprint and learned that no two fingerprints are exactly the same! The children loved using the visualiser to enlarge their fingerprints so that they could clearly see and compare the different patterns.

We also spent time talking about our interests and favourite things. From beans on toast to gymnastics, the children discovered that they often had something in common with someone else in the class! This helped us to learn even more about our new friends and celebrate both our similarities and differences.

The children have also created their first self-portraits of the year. They looked carefully at their features and thought about the colours and details they needed to include. We will display the finished portraits on the windows for you to enjoy at drop-off and pick-up times.

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in a family photograph. Next week, we will continue our *All About Me* topic by learning about families and celebrating how every family is special and unique. If you have not yet done so, please could you email one or more family photographs for your child to share with a small group? Photographs should be sent to s.grainger@harris.lancs.sch.uk.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend! The Reception Team 😊

Things to remember

- Please complete the Photo Permissions survey on School Spider as soon as possible.
- Please complete the Toileting Support Consent form on School Spider as soon as possible.

Gallery: This is a link to our class gallery, which is updated weekly.
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