

Harris Primary School

RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

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Star Award

Leo



Maths Star

Etta



Writing Star

Darcie



Story of the week:

Funnybones

Wow vocabulary:

skeleton, skull, cellar, connected, spine

Phonics Focus

Our sounds this week:

m d g

We have begun practising reading sounds and blending them!

Maths Focus:

In Maths this week, we have practised subitising beyond 3 and exploring different ways to make and show the number 4.

What a busy week we have had in Reception! The children have continued to explore our All About Me topic, finding out more about themselves and the people who make our school such a lovely place to learn.

This week, our story has been *Funnybones* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. We have been talking about skeletons, what they are made of and why we have them. Alongside sharing the story, we have explored the roles of the author and illustrator and looked at how speech bubbles show us what the characters are saying. The children have drawn their own skeletons using white crayons on black paper and have been encouraged to listen for the initial sounds in the names of body parts to have a go at labelling their drawings. We are continuing to support careful pencil grip as their confidence with drawing and writing grows.

In Maths, we have continued to practise subitising—recognising how many there are without needing to count each one. We have been looking at small groups of dots, showing matching amounts on our fingers and listening carefully to recognise how many sounds we can hear. With the help of Numberblock Four, we have also explored different arrangements of four, noticing that moving objects around does not change how many there are! The children have been describing these patterns using words such as 'top' and 'bottom' and beginning to spot smaller groups within four.

This week, we have been thinking about all the lovely people who help us around school. We went on a walk to meet our class teachers and teaching assistants, the headteacher and deputy headteacher, the office staff and the school cooks. We talked about their different jobs and how they help us to stay safe, feel happy and be ready to learn.

Our book *All Are Welcome* has helped us think about belonging to our school community and how we can help everyone feel welcome. These conversations also help the children recognise the familiar adults they can turn to when they need a little help.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!
The Reception Team

Things to remember

• Library day will be on Mondays. The children will have the opportunity to go to the school library and choose their own book to read for pleasure.