

Harris Primary School

RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

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Star Award

Luke



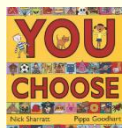
Maths Star

Freddie H



Writing Star

Poppy



Story of the week:

You Choose

Wow vocabulary:

choice, options, different, similarities, travel

Phonics Focus

Our sounds this week:

o c k

Tricky word:

the

Maths Focus:

This week, we have been practising careful counting and exploring different ways to show five, using our fingers, objects and dice patterns. At home, ask your child to collect 5 objects, counting each one carefully and checking the total by matching them to the five fingers on one hand.

We can't believe there is only one week of our first half term left! The children have come on leaps and bounds, and we are so proud of how they have settled into school life, grown in confidence and embraced their learning. We can't wait to see what they achieve in Autumn 2!

This week, we have been sharing *You Choose*, a wonderful book full of possibilities! The children have been discussing the choices they would make, from where they would like to live to which pet they would choose. We have been encouraging them to explain their ideas and listen to their friends' choices too. The children have drawn pictures of their choices and practised using the sounds they know to add initial sounds to their work. We have also continued to practise writing our names and holding our pencils correctly.

In Maths, we have been developing our counting skills, making sure we count each object once and understand that the final number tells us how many there are altogether. Our special focus has been the number five! We have explored showing five on our fingers, collecting groups of five objects and recognising five in a dice pattern. Through counting rhymes and games, we have also begun to explore how five fingers on one hand and five on the other make ten altogether.

We have been exploring the natural world, looking closely at living and non-living things and using magnifying glasses to help us notice smaller details. The children have been encouraged to ask questions, share their discoveries and think about which creatures might live above or below the ground. We have also talked about caring for living things and exploring their habitats gently.

In PSED, we have been naming different emotions and talking about the things that make us feel happy, excited, sad or cross. The children have explored how we can recognise feelings through facial expressions and how our feelings can change. We have also discussed ways to help ourselves feel calm and who we can turn to if we are feeling worried or upset, reminding the children that there is always someone ready to listen and help.

Thank you for your continued support this half term. We are looking forward to another lovely week of learning together before the holiday!

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.
- Phonics folders are due back in school on Wednesdays. They will then be sent back out on Fridays.