

## **Reception class newsletter**

**21st October 2022**

It has been an absolute pleasure to meet all of our parents this week in our first parents' evening of the year and to discuss your delightful children. We're looking forward to seeing you all again soon when you come in to share story time with us after half term. If you haven't received your invitation yet, please let one of the Reception team know and we'll sort this out for you.

Our focus text this week has been 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers. This is a gorgeous book which explores our lives on Planet Earth. The children were captivated by this book! We looked at familiar places on Google Earth (and were amazed to find that we could even see the sandpit in our outdoor area!) We have been delighted to see the children leafing through atlases or looking at the globe in their child initiated learning, pointing out amazing things which they've found. It's so lovely to see their enthusiasm and curiosity. If anyone would like to borrow 'Here we are' to read at home, just let us know.

In maths we've been exploring the numbers 1,2,3. We've used a couple of books which are great for developing number sense: 'I spy little numbers' and 'Anno's counting book'. We've looked at the composition of these numbers and different ways in which they can be represented.

We've finished our first half term of Floppy's phonics and we're really pleased with the progress the children are making. Please don't worry if your child isn't blending yet. It can take a lot of practice but they will get there! One useful thing is to do lots of oral blending. For example, ask your child to get their c-oa-t. Can they hear that they need to get their coat? Ask them to pass you the p-e-n or to get their h-a-t. Practising this can really help the children to hear how sounds blend together to make words.

We hope you all have a fantastic half term and we're looking forward to seeing you all after the holidays!