

# Reception News



29<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear Family,

The children were very excited about their trip to the Gruffalo park today, we went on a trail in the woods to find all of the animals that the Gruffalo met in the story and we spent time making dens and collecting woodland treasures!

This week the children have been busy making Mothers Day cards and a special present for their mum's! We hope you enjoyed our Mothers Day breakfast yesterday!



## **Stepney City Farm trip: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019**



Next half term we will be learning about life-cycles. We will start our topic with a trip to the farm to look at the mother and baby animals and to learn about the food we get from animals and the fruit and vegetables we can grow.

We will also have an incubator arriving on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April and we will observe baby ducklings hatching and look after them for two weeks before they return to the farm!

We are very excited to learn about their life-cycle!

We will send trip permission letters home next week. Please sign up on our classroom poster if you can come with us to the farm to lead a small group of children.

Many thanks!



## **Home reading**

Next week we will assess the children's phonics and sight reading skills and we would like to send you a copy home along with reading books for the Easter holiday - **so can you please send your child's reading books in their bag on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April (not on the usual Monday (Samuel class) or Thursday (Ruth class))**

**Maths:** In Maths this week we played games to explore the concept of weight and 'heavy' and 'light'. The children used a balance scale to explore and find classroom objects that were lighter or heavier than our class pet Paws. It would be a lovely idea at home to explore objects that are heavier or lighter than one of the children's favourite toys so that they can compare the weight of familiar objects. If you would like to send any photos of your child exploring weight for your child's Me Book, you can send them to our Early Years Email address: [eyfs@olsj.co.uk](mailto:eyfs@olsj.co.uk)

## **Literacy:**

This week the children made lots of predictions in our Big Book 'The Gruffalo' and we practised reading our phase 2 and 3 words by sight in the story. We are encouraging

the children to begin reading phase words by sight, when they do they will receive a certificate in school assembly!

Please remember that when we read words, we "Look at the letters, make the sounds and blend the sounds together" to read the words.

**Letter sounds** Please support your child to practise recognising and writing each letter sound with the correct formations.

s	a	t	p	i
n	m	d	g	o
c	k	ck	e	u
r	h	b	f	ff
l	ll	ss	j	v
w	x	y	z	zz

<i>sh</i> <i>ship</i>	<i>ch</i> <i>chip</i>	<i>th</i> <i>this</i>
<i>ng</i> <i>ring</i>	<i>ay</i> <i>pay</i>	<i>ee</i> <i>see</i>
<i>igh</i> <i>high</i>	<i>ow</i> <i>row</i>	<i>oo</i> <i>(short) book</i>
<i>oo</i> <i>(long) moon</i>	<i>ai</i> <i>wait</i>	<i>oa</i> <i>boat</i>
<i>or</i> <i>fork</i>	<i>ar</i> <i>farm</i>	<i>ur</i> <i>surf</i>
<i>ow</i> <i>cow</i>	<i>ure</i> <i>pure</i>	<i>er</i> <i>fern</i>
<i>air</i> <i>fair</i>	<i>ear</i> <i>dear</i>	<i>qu</i> <i>queen</i>

Phase Two Words: To practise reading automatically and writing

a	can	up	him	is
an	dad	mum	his	it
as	had	but	not	of
at	back	the	got	off
if	and	to	no	on
in	get	I	go	into

Phase 3 Words: To practise reading automatically and writing

will	that	this	her
then	them	with	my
see	for	now	are
down	look	too	you
he	she	we	they
me	be	was	all

Phase 4 words to practise reading at home

went	help	do	little
it's	said	some	one
from	have	come	when
children	like	were	out
just	so	there	what

Phase 5 words to practise reading at home

don't	house	came	put	oh
old	about	make	their	people
I'm	your	here	Mr	called
by	day	saw	Mrs	asked
time	made	very	looked	could



## Morning Reading club

You are welcome to come into school on **Tuesday and Friday mornings** to read with your child. Mrs McGhie will also be with you to support you with any questions you may have about your child's phonics and reading skills.

The sessions will run from 8.20 - 8.45am. Please come to the school office at 8.20am. Thank you.

## Magic Bean homework project!



The children have been telling us that their magic beans have been growing taller and taller at home! The children are welcome to bring them back into school next week, along with their bean diaries and we will look after them and share our growing projects next week. We will also plant the runner beans in our planter and try to grow some very tall beanstalks!

The children will receive a certificate for their project!

## Reminders

### Water Bottles

Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle to school everyday. Thank you.

- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April - **Last day of school**
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - **School reopens for the Summer term** - St George's Day: The children can wear red and white non-uniform
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April - **Duck incubator arriving from the farm**
- Thursday 2nd May - **Reception class visits to Stepney City Farm: morning and afternoon visits.**

Have a lovely weekend and a very special Mother's Day!

Yours sincerely,

The Reception Team