

Reception Newsletter – Friday 16th October 2026

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Our main 'KNOW' statement for this week was '**Stewardship means to look after the world; everything and everyone in it**'. We talked about what being a steward means and thought about how we can look after God's world. The children painted one of their favourite things from His creation and considered what they would do to look after it. The children have also been trying to put their ideas into practice by clearing up rubbish, turning off the taps and helping their friends. Perhaps you could encourage and help your child to be good stewards of God's creation at home.

Our hymn for this week was '**Good Stewards of Creation**'.

<https://www.st-annes.walsall.sch.uk/main/pupils/class-pages/reception/hymns>



Next week we will be thinking about our Baptism. Baptism is when we are welcomed to God's family. To help prepare your child, it would be good if you could talk to your child about their Baptism and even share photographs or video clips of the day.

Phonics

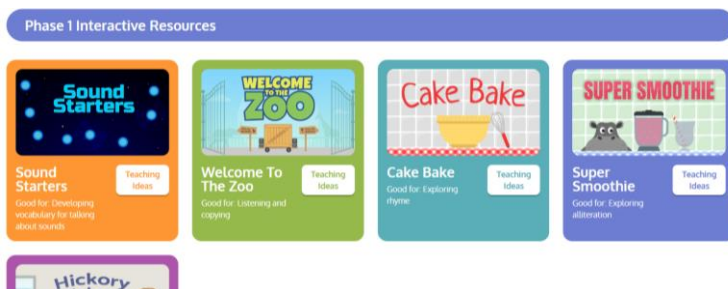
Our letter sounds for this week were '**p**', '**i**' & '**n**'. Please add these 3 letters into your child's red sound book (sent home last week) and share this book with your child every day to help them consolidate recognising these sounds on sight. Parent Information Sheets for these letters can be found on the class webpage: <https://www.st-annes.walsall.sch.uk/main/pupils/class-pages/reception/phonics-and-reading>.

As a result of these extra sounds, the children have started to read the following words using their Robot Rick Fingers. You might like to practice this skill at home using these words.

There are some flash cards on the class website:

at, it, sat, sit, pat, pip, pit, pin, pan.

The children have enjoyed playing the game '**Super Smoothie** within **Level 1** on www.phonicsplay.co.uk. This helps the children find words that start with the same letter. The traditional game of Eye Spy will also help develop the skill of listening to sounds at the start of words. Perhaps you could play this while driving in the car or walking to school.



Reading Books

This week the children were heard 'read' in school by adults and their Special Friends. **Please make sure this reading book and reading record is in school every day.**

Nursery Rhymes

The nursery rhyme focus for this week was '**Jack & Jill**'. Children are learning to say this rhyme by heart. Ask your child if they can tell you this rhyme at home and remember the actions we used in school. There is a video on the class website: <https://www.st-annes.walsall.sch.uk/main/pupils/class-pages/reception/videos-nursery-rhymes>

Maths

We have been doing lots of sorting and started learning out patterns this week.

General / Dates

- Wednesday 21st October – Harvest Whole School Mass at 9am. Parents and family are welcome to join us. Please keep an eye on Arbor Communications how you can support
- Friday 23rd October - Congratulations Assembly at 9am - You are welcome to join us, especially if your child has been awarded a certificate. You will be notified in Mrs Johnston's Headlines the week beforehand
- Friday 23rd October - EYFS Parent & Child Reading Together at 2.30pm
- Friday 23rd October - Break up for half term at 3.15pm

Have a wonderful weekend
Mrs Turley