

# Reception newsletter Spring Term 2019

During the first part of the term we have based much of our learning through a 'super hero' topic. We have explored all seven areas of learning through this theme, and it has created huge enthusiasm from the children. Children have enjoyed discussing their favourite super hero and why, creating their very own hero based on a potato, created a range of moves using different parts of the body during physical education and playing games where they must negotiate space. Children have explored a range of writing for different purposes and it is a delight to see the skills they have gained through rigorous phonic sessions being confidently used in their own child initiated writing.

## READING

Thank you to all parents who attended the phonic workshop. Please continue to read with your child each day. It only needs to be for a few minutes, this regular focus makes such a difference.

## MATHEMATICS

During our class daily focus sessions we have been exploring composition. (Identifying smaller numbers within a number- seeing groups and combining to a total.) Children are encouraged to talk continually about the process they are using to clarify and deepen their thought process. Children have been exploring addition and subtraction skills within a range of practical activities.

Please encourage your child to explore number and measures at home.

SHOPPING - let your child help you with the shopping. Look at the different coins and count them out. Together work out if change will be given and why.

COOKING - Spending time cooking together covers a huge amount of mathematical skills.

## MOTHERING SUNDAY ASSEMBLY

We are working towards our assembly which is on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 9.00am. Please do come if possible as each child will be contributing individually. Staff and children are very excited about it.

## MYSTERY READER

It has been wonderful to have a mystery reader sharing their favourite story to the children. Please do come and take part. It takes place at 3pm and can be on any day of the week. The session is only about 10 minutes long and the children benefit so much from hearing different adults sharing their love of books. The invitation is open to parents and grandparents.....please do let us know if you are interested to take part.

During the school week the children access outdoor learning either just outside our indoor classroom or at the Mortimer Forest school site. Throughout their learning it is evident to see the characteristics of effective learning-finding out and exploring, willing to 'have a go', persisting at a task, making links and having their own ideas, thinking critically and making decisions. We have been enhancing our outdoor environment and prepared beds to plant up when the weather turns warmer.

