

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe, but we have now learned all of the Reception sounds. The children have worked so enthusiastically, and we're so proud of them. Over the next three terms, we'll revisit these sounds and begin reading more challenging words as their confidence grows.



This week, we were lucky to have a visit from Amber the dentist, who helped us learn how to keep our teeth clean and healthy. A few children hadn't brushed their teeth that morning, so we kindly ask for your support in making sure teeth are brushed twice a day. Together, we can help the children build strong, lifelong habits. Thank you for your continued support.

This week

We have continued exploring the story of *Little Red Riding Hood* and were very surprised to receive a video message from Little Red Riding Hood herself asking for help. She explained that her Grandma was still poorly and asked us to make some get-well cards. Hedgehogs worked so enthusiastically, creating cards with thoughtful, loving messages. We have also been sequencing the events of the story and exploring the art of frottage (discovering patterns by rubbing crayons over textured objects). In maths, we've been investigating how numbers are made, especially the special "5-ness of 5." The children had great fun finding pairs that make 5 and using double dice frames to see how 6 and 7 are "5 and a bit." Their confidence is really shining through. We also had a wonderful time celebrating NSPCC Number Day—everyone looked two-tally brilliant!

Next week

We'll begin the story of *Hansel and Gretel*, retelling it with puppets and creating our very own gingerbread houses. In maths, we'll be comparing quantities by looking closely at how many objects are in each set. The children will explore when sets are equal or not and how to make them match, using key language such as "more than," "fewer than," and "an equal number."

Best wishes,

The Hedgehog Team

Wow Words.

gluttonous : very greedy

obscure : keep from being seen/hidden

sceptical : to question or show doubt

agitated : feeling troubled or nervous

