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Dear Parent/Carer,

### Marvellous Maths Week

Maths Week in Reception has been so much fun this week! We have seen such enthusiasm and excitement from the children as we have learned about money, sparked by our visit to the Greengrocer's on Monday and Tuesday. The children loved catching the bus, hunting for numbers on our way, and using real money to buy fruit which we then made into smoothies on Wednesday. The children's behaviour was exemplary on our trips out – they truly did our school proud! A big thank you to all the parents and grandparents who joined us on our trips out – we really couldn't do these trips without your help.

Back at Jerry Clay, we turned our Mud Kitchen into a Greengrocer's shop and have seen lots of application of the children's understanding of shopping and money through their play during the rest of the week. Our smoothie making provided lots of opportunities for measuring and the children began to represent numbers they had seen on their outing in the maps they drew.

In our Literacy, we loved reading 'The Shopping Basket' and have been prolific in writing shopping lists all week! Perhaps you could involve your child in helping to write the shopping list this weekend and involve them in handing over the money at the counter, showing off what they have learned at school.



*Looking at prices at the shop*



*A real life Maths lesson*



*We loved catching the bus!*

### Phonics superstars!

On Thursday and Friday this week, Read, Write Inc. came to film the Reception children doing their Phonics lessons. The children made us so incredibly proud! Their behaviour and listening was exceptional and they showed off just how fabulous they are at reading and writing already. Our visitor, Elly, could not believe the standards the children are at, both in their behaviour and their Phonic understanding, at such an early stage in Reception. Young children cannot switch on

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something for one day that they don't normally do, just for show. The learning that was documented in the films (and which we hope to be able to share with you soon) is a true reflection of what happens every day at Jerry Clay and we were very proud to celebrate this.

### **Sticks and stones**

Over the weekend (or during the holidays) we would be grateful if you are able to collect any straight sticks or pebbles for our learning in the coming weeks. Keep an eye out on your walks in the park or trips to the seaside!

Thank you all and have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Ashton, Mrs Sellars and Miss Belford (the Reception Team)

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