



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017.

Dear Parents,

In Reception Class, we have had another wonderful week of settling in to school and learning more about our daily routines and classroom environment. As we reach the end of the third week, it is lovely to see the children growing in confidence and beginning to form friendships that we are sure will continue to flourish.



We started the week by reading a book called 'My Body, Your Body' and talking about how we are all special. The children have been incredibly busy writing their sounds, numbers and names with chalk on our playground area and had lots of fun drawing around each other. It was so wonderful to see the children working collaboratively and displaying such caring and kind attitudes towards each other. During the week, the children also built intricate houses in the construction areas using small natural embellishments and created magnificent paintings and models in the creative area.

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## Phonics this week

In our RWI phonics sessions, children learn to read and write a new sound each day. The sounds of the week are 'i,n,p,g,o'. As well as learning to blend to read words using these sounds. We were so impressed with their concentration and listening skills! Throughout the week, we have been focussing on the children's 'perfect pencil grip' for writing. This is an extremely important skill to enable further progress with writing.

On Wednesday, we were extremely lucky that Ruth Miskin (the creator of Read Write Inc. Phonics) came to visit us and provide master classes to some of our Reception children. In addition to this, we have continued to introduce new 'Action words'. Look out for the Action word homework books in the coming weeks! We will be going over these at our **Phonics Coffee morning on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 9.15am.**

## Mathematical Development

In Maths, we have been exploring the properties of 2D shapes using mathematical language and hunting for different shapes in our indoor and outdoor learning environments. On Thursday, we had a fantastic PE lesson in the hall exploring fundamental skills and shapes such as straight, tuck and star.



## Next week

Next Week, our attention will turn to Autumn and the changing seasons. Please ensure you provide a warm waterproof coat as we are hoping to spend much of our time learning outdoors.

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## Home Learning

Please use the pocket sound book found in the plastic folder to review the sounds that we have taught so far with your child – **m,a,s,d,t,i,n,p,g,o**. Ask them to write the sound in the air using a 'perfect pencil grip' and they can practise on paper too. The phrase for writing the sound is in the pocket book of sounds. At JCA, we use cursive writing so we add a 'whoosh' at the beginning of the phrase. Eg To write the M sound, we say whoosh Masie, Mountain Mountain. We will go over our cursive script at the coffee morning on the 4<sup>th</sup> October.

## Afternoon snack

It has come to our attention that some of our children are understandably hungry on an afternoon. In reaction to this, we have planned for an afternoon snack time in our routine. There will be an opportunity during this time to have another piece of fruit and a drink. Obviously, our children can access a drink at any time during the day too.

## Library time and communication with you

At Jerry Clay, we are passionate about ensuring communication is as clear as possible. Please do come along to library time on a Friday at 3pm or speak to a member of staff on the door. We recognise that it is incredibly busy on a morning; however, please know that if you need to speak to a member of staff, please ask. To ease the busyness on a morning, we have put another member of staff on the door on a morning from next week, so that someone is always available to take any messages from you or simply just to have a reassuring chat about how your child is progressing.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Burrows, Mrs Sellars and Mrs Ward.

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