



# Welcome to Reception



26th April 2024

## Busy, Busy!

Another busy week in Reception! We started the week with some Gruffalo yoga lead by the wonderful Ella from the Norwich School. We really enjoyed doing our yoga poses and felt so relaxed and ready for the week ahead!



## Growing plants

This week we have been learning about plants. We have read the stories 'The Bad Seed' by Jory John and 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle. We talked about what plants need to grow including nutrients from the soil, water from the rain and warmth from the sun. We have planted sunflower seeds and when the seedlings have germinated and are strong enough we will be planting them in our class raised beds. We have looked at Vincent Van Gogh's artwork including his famous paintings of sunflowers.

## Maths

This week we have been sorting objects by colour, shape and size. We then looked at odd and even numbers using the number blocks. We noticed that the even number blocks have even tops and the odd number blocks have not even tops. We also used the numicon to discuss this further.

## Maths Workshop

On Wednesday, we welcomed two of our Sapphire parents, Maria & Joshua & their colleagues Diane, Rachel, Sam & Jenna, to help in a super smoothie shop role play as part of a workshop with Natwest bank. We wrote shopping lists in groups, added up how much it would cost & then sang '5 super smoothies in a smoothie shop' where children bought a pretend smoothie. After the workshop we made real smoothies! Yum!

## Dates for the Diary

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Year 2 bake sale  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday Monday  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May - break up for half term  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Reception Bake Sale  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Whole School sports day  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July - Back up Sports day in case of bad weather!

## Phonics

We have been re-capping the digraphs ur (as in surf), ow (as in cow), oi (as in boil) and er (as in letter).