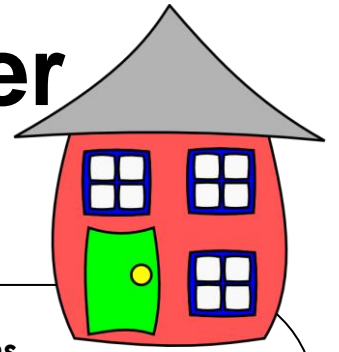


# Reception newsletter

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016



## Literacy

This week the children have learnt the sounds 'ng' and 'nk'. They have been focusing on their blending skills to read new words.

The children have also been sharing different versions of the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. They have compared the alternate versions and thought of their own.

In modelled writing sessions the children have made their own posters to sell houses.

## Maths

The children have been focusing on their counting and addition skills. They have used the vocabulary altogether, total, add, plus, and makes. The children have used counters, pennies, unifix cubes and other objects to support their thinking. They have started to record their work in number sentences.

They have begun to count forwards and backwards on a number line to answer questions such as 'what is 3 less than 20?'

## Useful Information

Your snack money contributions over the past fortnight have provided peppers and cucumbers with dips, rice cakes, cheese and crackers and humus and pitta breads amongst other things.

P.E will now take place on a Monday. The children will be having weekly Zumba lessons. We hope to put together a show at the end of the half term.

The winter weather is getting colder so please make sure your child has a coat, hat and gloves with them.

If your child has borrowed any spare clothes from us please could you return them? We are getting very low and if we run out we will have to call you in the event of your child needing a change of clothes.

## Busy Learning

The children have been printing with the construction materials to create pictures of houses.

They have been designing houses for Biskit and Melvin and looked at the different features of houses.

They have learnt about different types of homes using the new vocabulary 'detached', 'terraced', 'semi detached' and 'end of terrace'.

The children have been developing their critical thinking using the guttering and milk crates to design and make giant marble runs.