



# Heyhouses Reception Newsletter

## Autumn Term Week 4

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### This Week

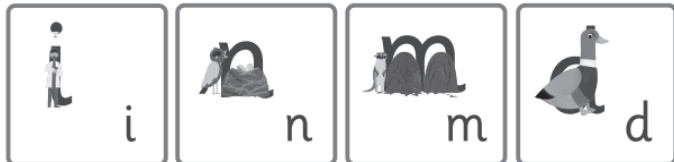
Our book focus has been *What Makes a Me?* By Ben Faulks. This book explores how we are all different and special. We asked the children to think about what their special qualities are, and we discussed how we should accept everyone for who they are.

In preparation for the Harvest Festival Church Service on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, we walked over to St Annes Parish Church to see where we will take our Harvest gifts and took the opportunity to look around the different parts of the building while it was quiet. Mr Mackenzie, our music teacher, introduced us to the Church organ and demonstrated how it worked.

Each week, the Reception children explore the natural environment within our school grounds which we call our 'Wild At Heart' Area. The children also take part in P.E Lessons with Mr Nay, alongside their class teachers.

### Phonics

This week's sounds are:



i - inventor- down her body, spot her idea.

n- nest – down the bird and over her nest

m- meerkat, mound, mound

d- duck – over his back and around the tail, up his neck and down to his feet

### Maths

**Focus: Counting, cardinality and ordinality**

The children have focused on numerals 0-3 on a number track and identified one more than a given number. They have matched numerals to the correct quantity of objects.

### Home Challenge

Sing counting songs that focus on counting forwards, for example 1,2,3,4,5, Once I caught a fish alive.

Involve your child in counting everyday objects around the home.

### Reminders

#### Harvest Festival – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 10:30 a.m. Year 1, 2 and Reception classes

The children will all be attending St Annes Parish church on Thursday to celebrate Harvest. Parents are welcome to join us. If you feel able to send your child with a small gift for Harvest the parish have asked for the following: tins, pasta, rice, biscuits, fruit and vegetables. Any gift will be gratefully received and will be taken out to members of the parish in need.

#### Evidence Me

You should now have started receiving observations (photos) of your child, which are sent out at the end of each week. Let us know if you need any help with accessing this information.

#### Stay and Play Sessions start next week (Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September)

You should now have received a letter back with your date to attend. Please let us know if you are unable to attend so we can prepare the children who are staying.

#### Home challenge

Please work on the following skills with your child to encourage independence at school; putting on their own coat and fastening it, putting on their own shoes and socks (for after yoga sessions), peeling fruit.

