



# Heyhouses Reception Newsletter



## Autumn Term Week 3

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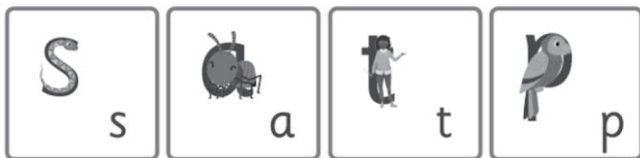
### This Week

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. This theme was developed further in our weekly Religious Education lesson where we met a bear called Clever Cub who explored God's Creation story and how Christians believe God made people. Each Reception class also took part in their first Yoga Lesson for this half term, lead by Amy, a qualified children's Yoga teacher. Her sessions will help to build strong bodies and minds as well as teaching positive calming techniques.

### Phonics

Phonics is how we teach the children to read and write. We have daily phonics lessons. We teach 4 letter sounds each week. Please practise saying and writing the sounds at home. We will include the mnemonic or rhyme to help. We also expect you to read your decodable home reading book 3 times with your child.

This week's sounds are:



s - snake - swerve around the snake

a - ant- around the head, down the body

t - teacher - down her body and cross her shoulders

p - parrot - down his body, around his face

### Maths

Each week in maths lessons, we focus on a number to explore and use this to develop a deep understanding of numbers to 10, including the composition of each number, counting and calculation skills. We also learn about Numerical Patterns, which involves verbally counting beyond 20, comparing quantities and identifying patterns in numbers.

This week the children learnt about subitising, where they are encouraged to quantify sets of objects by recognising an amount by sight rather than counting.

#### **Maths Home Challenge:**

**Quickly reveal a set of 1, 2, or 3 objects for your child to say how many, without the need to count. Can they use their fingers to indicate how many?**

### Reminder

Please return your 'Stay and Play' forms by **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September** at the latest. This will allow us time to organise the sessions before they commence the following week. Thank you.

Please make sure all children have wellies in school ready for starting 'Wild At Heart' next week!

