

Reception Peek @ the Week

This week...

We have come to the end of our first week of full days at school for the children in Reception and what a fantastic week it's been! We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to you all for supporting us with saying goodbye to the children at the door. The mornings are feeling really calm and the children are gradually becoming more independent.

The Cave...

Last week the children all brought home their own copy of *The Cave* by Rob Hodgson from the BookTrust. We have spent the week exploring different aspects of the book, including talking about the characters and setting - some of the children were keen to share their own experiences of caves while others made links between wolves and bears from other stories. We will continue to focus on a different story each week, developing the children's language skills; expressing opinions and telling stories.

Letters and Sounds...

We started teaching phonics this week using the Letters and Sounds Programme. The children have been taught the sounds **s**, **a**, **t**, **p**. They have been finding and sorting things beginning with these sounds and we have been doing lots of sound talking and asking the children to guess what we are saying by blending the sounds together to make a word. Your child has brought home a Letters and Sounds pack which contains cards with the sounds on and a prompt for the action to go with each sound. It would be great if you could practise the sounds with your child—maybe finding things starting with each sound by playing 'I spy...' or spotting the letters in books, signs, labels.

Harvest Festival...

We will be joining the rest of the federation at St Margaret's Church on Friday 27th September. Our Harvest charity this year is Harbour Bideford so any donations of food brought in by the children will be gratefully received.

We hope you have a lovely weekend, The Reception Team