

# This week in Reception

March 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 2021

This week our learning has focused on the science of sound.



In phonics this week we have been revising all previously taught sounds and tricky words. We are also very busy assessing the children's current skills and knowledge. We have done shared reading, writing practice, including writing a card for our mums, listened to a variety of stories and poems.



We have been learning different strategies for solving simple addition problems. These include:

- using apparatus, such as blocks, that we can count
- using counting on, where  $5+4$  would start counting with 5 (not 1,2,3,4,5) and then say 6,7,8,9
- using a number line, starting on the first number and making jumps along the number line for the second number



## Other Areas of Learning

We are so happy to have everyone back in school with us now and generally the children are settling back into the routines of school. They have been really pleased to be with each other at last!!!

Our science work has been extremely interesting and the children have learned quite a lot about the science of sound. For example, we talked about how sound is made by a **vibration** that makes a **sound wave**. We have looked at instruments and talked about how we get them to **vibrate** to make the sound wave. We found that air can vibrate, water can vibrate and so can solid materials like glass and metal. We also found that the more water we had in our 'water xylophone', the lower a sound or note it produced, and that less water made a higher pitched sound. This was also true for the metal bars on chime bars.

Look on the blog – and our windows – to see your little scientist!!