

# Sylvester Primary Academy

## Early Years Newsletter

Autumn Term- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024



### Nursery Class

In Nursery the story 'Pete the Cat and his 4 Groovy Buttons' has been our focus. We have been learning all about the number 4: counting sets of objects, finding numerals and making sets of 4. On Tuesday for snack we made our own groovy buttons by cutting bread into circle shapes. In the craft area we printed with different sized circles and drew around them to make our own groovy button patterns! In the home corner we had number 4 picnics. We could invite 4 friends to play and each had a cup, plate and bowl making 4 of each item in total. We have enjoyed learning a new number song too: 5 little snowmen standing in a line. For our fine motor activity, we threaded buttons and for our mark making we practised drawing circles to create our own Pete the Cat pictures! We learned that squares and rectangles have 4 sides so made some shapes pictures. We looked at the artist Mondrian and created our own artworks in his style. The weather this week has been great for exploring wind! We made windy sticks and flew them around outside. Some of them blew away and flew over the school roof!

### Reception Class

This week we have started our new Literacy Tree Text, 'The Magic Paintbrush' by Julia Donaldson. The children arrived to class to find our very own special paintbrush. We talked about the meaning of the words 'wealthy' and 'poor'. Together we thought about useful things we could paint and this led us to think about the difference between things we 'want' and things we 'need'. In Maths we have been exploring 'Capacity'. We have been using the language of full, empty, half full and half empty. We then explored different containers and what we thought would hold the most. In Phonics we have started to look at some 'red words' which can also be known as 'tricky words'. These are words that we are not able to sound out as they do not make sense e.g. to, no and go. Have a listen to the tricky word song to help your child.

### Tricky Word Song

### Key Dates:

Children's Mental Health Week- 5<sup>th</sup> February, more details about what the children are learning will be shared on our whole school Class Dojo page.

Reception Class Stay and Play- This is an opportunity for a parent/carer to attend a stay and play session with their child. You will have the opportunity to look at your child's work books, discuss with the staff how they are getting on and spend some time with your child. Each class will have two time slots and parents/carers can choose the session that best suits them. We will send out forms nearer the time but just wanted to give some advance warning.

Miss Tomlinson's Class – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 9-10am or 2-3pm

Miss Ball's Class- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 9-10am or 2-3pm

Reminders:

Please note we also have a whole school Newsletter which is shared via Class Dojo. Please check the school page as this will contain further information about what is happening across school.

If your child is a packed lunch, please ensure that you do not send in any nut products as we have children with allergies.

If your child has small pieces of fruit such as grapes please ensure that these are cut up so as not to be a choking risk.