

We have had the most fun this term settling into Reception. The children have been fantastic at learning all the new rules and routines and settling into life at Teynham school. Our topic so far this term has been 'Me and My Community'. It has been wonderful to get to know every child, and as the children have got to know us and their classmates, we have been moved by the kindness they have shown.

Week by week we have covered: Super Duper Me, My Likes and Dislikes, My Home, Emotions, Who Is In My Family. We are finishing off with 'People Who Help Us', ready to move on to our next topic of Fairy Tales just before half term!

We have had great fun drawing self-portraits, cutting and sticking things we like, drawing pictures of our families, practicing writing our names and finding colours to represent our different emotions. We have done all of this alongside lots of other play opportunities; building, obstacle courses, painting, building, role play, fine motor skills, riding trikes and much, much more (When the children tell you they've done nothing, don't believe them!)

In phonics, the children have amazed us with their enthusiasm for learning their Phase 2 letters and sounds – we already know twenty! They are learning the initial sounds of words (sss for sun) and how to blend and segment words for reading and writing (s-u-n). The children also read in small groups and take home their phonics book to practice and a library book to be shared at home. Thank you to all have been enjoying books at home, please continue to keep library books and reading books in book bags every day.

In maths, we have been thinking lots about subitising (seeing a number of objects and just knowing how many are there without counting!) we have been learning that even if dots or fingers are in a different arrangement, there still could be the same number. For example, there are lots of different ways to show three fingers. We have also compared groups of objects and thought about which group has more or which has less.

Our PE topic is also 'All About Me' to fit into our main topic – we have thought lots about different ways we can move our bodies, different parts of our bodies and listening to and following instructions. Since our second week in school we have all gotten changed into PE kits and enjoyed our PE lessons together. We have lots of other opportunities in and around the classroom to practice both gross and fine motor skills. For example, after lunch every day we either do 'dough disco' or 'storysize'.

The children have loved exploring instruments in music as well as learning new songs to perform in our Harvest Assembly. Our PSHE topic is 'Me and My World'. The children have been thinking about starting school and school life. In RE, we have been asking the question, 'Why is God so important to Christians?'.

Thank you for your continued support, we are delighted with how the children have settled into school life at Teynham - well done to each of them!