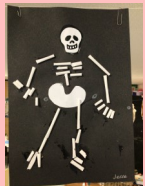


This week Reception have continues their learning about 'People who help us.', with a focus on Doctors and Vets. We explored reasons why you might need visit the doctors; the children were great at relating to their personal experiences. We also thought about when we might need to visit the hospital, for example if we may have broken a bone or need an operation.

We thought about other people who could help us when we are poorly or feel unwell or if we hurt ourselves; our family members, first aiders in school, doctors, nurses, paramedics.



The children made gorgeous skeleton artwork using straws and runny glue, as well as labelling a skeleton using some of the scientific vocabulary such as skull and hips.



We explored vets and their role in our lives. They are a bit like doctors and nurses but they help animals instead. The children have thoroughly enjoyed using our vet surgery role play area to act out some of these scenarios.



## Reception weekly newsletter

Week commencing:  
**18.11.24**

### Phonics

We continued our Phase 2 phonics learning this week. We introduced the following phonemes and digraphs:



For each grapheme we learnt its corresponding phoneme (sound); 'z' as in zebra and "zz" as in "buzz" , 'qu as in quick, and "ch" as in chip. This week we continued to have a go at writing CVC words as well as reading some short captions.

**Home challenge:** As well as practising letter formation for this week, use the tricky word list attached to practise the tricky words recently taught. You can chalk them on the ground and jump on them, write them on post-it notes and hide them around the house. We are now introducing several in a week and your support to continue practising recognising these would be great!

### Maths

This week we have been looking at 4 sided shapes— square and rectangle. We explored how these shapes were the same and how they were different. We used vocabulary such as long, short and equal to help us distinguish between them. We had a go at using these shapes to create shape pictures or emergency vehicles.

**Home challenge:** Can you spot some squares and rectangles in your environment at home?  
Take some photos to share with us on Tapestry!



Home challenges are helpful ideas for you in supporting your child to consolidate their learning at home. Please feel free to choose those you feel are achievable for you and share on Tapestry.