

# Early Years Newsletter



In Reception this week we have been reading a book by author Tim Hopgood called 'Little Answer'. The story follows the character 'Little Answer' as he desperately tries to find his question, on the way encountering friends who are looking for the answers to some very big questions. The book really encourages children to be inquisitive and to imagine for themselves what the answers to some of these questions might be.

With this newsletter we are sending home some big questions from the story. Parents can then either record their child's responses to the question, or let them record their own ideas on the sheet provided. The idea is not to necessarily find the right answer, but to think about the possibilities, and enjoy listening to your child's enquiry.



**We will be organising a meeting for all the lovely dads who have offered their expertise and time on June 22<sup>nd</sup> so please keep a look out for a letter.**

Yesterday was the last of our trips to St Mary's Church. We'd like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who have helped with the walks. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their visits and have represented the school brilliantly.

This week we have been exploring estimation through both number and measure.

We have read the following books...

*Is a whale the biggest thing there is?*

*What's faster than a cheetah?*

We also estimated how many sweets we could grab with 1 hand and how many droplets of water we could fit on a penny. You can watch this video to find out the answer...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uCZ1AmoQ6m8>

At home you could encourage your child to make sensible estimates as part of everyday routines...

- How many bubbles do you think there are in this bath?
- How many cars are in this car park?
- How many baked beans are on your plate?
- You could even carry out your own sweetie grab investigation with the whole family. Who can grab the most sweets with 1 hand?

**Week beginning: 11.5.15**