





Friday 27th February

Well, we have learnt so much this week. Did you know that wombats do square poos? Neither did I! The children have really loved learning about Marsupials and Australian culture. Next week we continue our worldwide adventure as well explore rainforests.



Phonics
We have reached an important milestone in our phonics this week as we completed learning the final phase 3 sounds: air and er.

air	 chair in the air	Open your mouth wide, push your tongue down as you say air air air	er	 a bigger digger	Open your mouth in a relaxed way, push your tongue down and say ur ur ur
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Mathematics
This week we have introduces the concept of odd and even numbers. Understanding patterns of number is an important early maths concept for our Reception children to grasp by the end of the year. Children need to understand and explain that odd numbers cannot be shared with a friend and that even numbers can, as well as explain the repeating pattern of odd and even numbers.

World Book Day is on **Thursday 5th March**. This year we would like children to come dressed up as word. Please feel free to talk to your child's teacher if you're struggling for inspiration! We can't wait to see everyone's creative costumes!



Dates for your diary!

We have got **3 exciting dates** for your diaries before the Easter holidays:

On **Friday 13th of March**, we would like to invite any and all grown ups into our classrooms just before the end of the day so we can share with you our social action project that we will have been working towards during the week. We will share more information about this in next week's newsletter but **it will be a short 10 minute presentation in the classrooms at 3 O'clock.**

The 2 dates are for our **next Stay and Play session** which we will be holding at **Bromsgrove Library**. This is a chance to spend some time with your child at our local library where one of the librarians will read them a story, then you can have some time to explore and share some books together and have a chance to sign up to the local library if you haven't already had a chance to do so. To better accommodate our classes at the library, we will be running these sessions on different days for the classes: **Goslings will be on Tuesday 17th March at 2pm** and **Cygnets will be on Friday 20th at 2pm**. If you are able to attend, you will be able to take your child home straight from the library as the session ends around 2:45. If you are unable to attend, we will take your child back to school for a normal end of day pickup. **We would really appreciate you letting us know either in person or over email if you or someone in your family is able to attend the library stay and play session so that we can ensure your child goes to the library with all of the items ready to take home with them straight from there—thank you!**

The final date for your diaries is **Thursday 26th of March** where we would love to have a **special Easter bonnet parade** at school. We would like all children in Reception to create an Easter bonnet at home that celebrates all the joys of spring. You can be as creative as you like with your child's headpiece, on the next page are some examples of Easter bonnets for inspiration.

