



# Reception Newsletter



Friday 18th February

We have had a great week finding out about Australia. The children should be able to tell you some super facts about some of the amazing animals that live there. After the holiday we will focus our learning on Rainforests. The animals that live there are so interesting and we are sure that the children will be fascinated. We expect to see some great writing!

## Phonics

Following our consultations this week, it is lovely to know that so many of you are appreciative of the resources we have been attaching to support with phonics. This week you will find all the sounds that have been introduced this year! As you can see, there are so many of them. We have asked so much of the children, but they continue to wow us with their efforts!

## Reading

Please send yellow reading diaries in every day, but reading books in just on Fri-days.

We are starting to notice the children trying hard to put greater expression into their reading as they read their books for the second and third time, so lovely!

## Mathematics

We have explored different heights and lengths this week, encouraging the children to make comparisons and to use "shorter", "longer", "and "taller" rather than "bigger" and "smaller". We also introduced analogue clocks, looking at the long and short hands to introduce telling the time. After the holiday we will be looking at the numerals 9 and 10. We will be carefully counting 9 and 10 objects from larger groups and looking at how groups of 9 and 10 can be arranged.

## P.E. and Forest School

On Tuesday 1st March Goslings will have Forest School and Cygnets will have P.E.

On Friday 4th March Cygnets will have Forest School and Goslings will have P.E.

Please use the half term holiday to help your child to practise putting their socks and shoes on and off if they find this tricky. They need to be able to do this completely independently and some children have found it difficult and have been frustrated with themselves this week.

Today we are sending home the spare clothes bags. Please can you go through and check that your child has everything that they need? They should have a complete change of clothes, including socks and pants. A carrier bag is also really useful to have. Please send back on the first day of next half term.

We hope that you all have a wonderful half term break. The children really are incredibly tired and deserve a well earned rest. We look forward to seeing your adventures on Tapestry.

On behalf of the Year 4 team, thank you so much for all the cakes and contributions you sent in today for the Fair Trade cake sale. The children really enjoyed their visit up to buy cakes, as well as spending their own money!



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