



Friday 11th March

Another very busy week in Reception. We have all been thoroughly enjoying our time learning about Rainforests and particularly about the animals that live there. In addition to this we have also spent time discussing International Women's Day, and have painted sunflowers to show that we are thinking about the children from the Ukraine who are currently unable to go to school.

Next week we are looking forward to finding out all about the fascinating world that exists under the sea.

## Phonics

This week we have been spending the bulk of our time in our Phonics sessions reading words that have double consonants in the middle. Many children are becoming really good at instantly recognising that 2 letters that are the same act as a digraph so only make one sound. Examples of the words we have read include rabbit, ribbon and muffin.

## Reading

The children will begin to bring home a story book as well as their phonics based reading books. These books they will select themselves from our class library. They will not be expected to read this book by themselves. This should be a book for sharing together. Read it to or with them. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters, explore the facts in a non-fiction book. The main thing is that you have fun! In order to become lifelong readers it is vital that the children learn to read for pleasure.

## Mathematics

This week we have continued working with numbers to 10. We have spent a lot of time saying numbers from 10-0 (this is just as important as saying numbers from 1-10 as it helps with subtraction). We have begun to develop the children's awareness of number bonds to 10, this is the pairs of numbers that total a number. The Early Learning Goal for Number states that the children should be able to name number bonds to 10 automatically recall "some number bonds to 10" by the summer.

Next week we will shift our attention to 3D shapes and repeating patterns. We will use the beautiful book "Pattern Fish" to inspire some of our pattern work.

## P.E. and Forest School

On Tuesday 15th February Goslings will have Forest School and Cygnets will have P.E.

Please make sure that long hair is tied up for Forest School and P.E.

There will be no PE for Goslings next week, and no Forest School for Cygnets because school is closed for children next Friday (March 18th) for staff training.



We want to celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness day by wearing silly socks to school on Monday 21st March. These could be really bright socks, odd socks etc. Normal school uniform apart from the socks though please! If you would like to send a financial contribution in then these will be collected and sent to the Down's Syndrome Association.