

Reception Newsletter



Friday 27th November 2020

Our golden promises

We promise to be...

Respectful (look after everyone and everything), **Thoughtful and caring** (be kind, listen to others and use good manners), **Friendly** (share, play together and be happy), **Enthusiastic** (be excited learners) **Ambitious** (be the best you can be)

This week

In phonics this week we have learnt the sounds *m, d, o*. We have practised our reading skills with some high frequency words (these are words that appear a lot in books and we can use our phonic skills to read them) – *at, as, in, if, and, dad*. We have also discovered that there are some words that are tricky and that we cannot use our phonics skills to read. We just have to see it and read it. Our tricky words this week were **I** (**I** am in Reception) and **a** (there is **a** duck in my classroom). In maths we have delved deeper into numbers 3, 4 and 5 really thinking about what they mean, how we know there is a certain number and what does this amount look like. We have started some learning based around the book 'We are going on a bear hunt' by Michael Rosen. We read the story, did some Yoga to it and created a story map which shows us what happened and when in the story. As part of our thinking about giving 'hope and happiness' in these strange times, we planned a birthday celebration for all those children who have had a birthday since September and who may not have had the party with lots of friends they would have liked. On Friday we created an invitation from these 'birthday' children (up to the end of November) to all their friends in Leopards and Tigers to join them for birthday party celebration. Children made birthday crowns and badges for the birthday boys and girls and both Leopards and Tigers enjoyed an afternoon of party games. A very happy end to the week.

Next week:

Our advent calendar will start and we will start getting ready for the Christmas season. We are attending a very special 'Reception bubble' Christmas tree dressing assembly led by the Rev Alder where we will help to dress the school tree. Back in the classroom we will decorate our home corner giving children the opportunity to share their family and home traditions and customs at Christmas. We will retell the story of 'Going on a bear hunt' using actions and we will also 'innovate' the story by making our own version and maybe changing parts of the story to something we would like to add in. We will also build on our phonics and maths learning with new sounds and learning about number bonds to 5.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 1st– Flu immunisations

Wednesday 2nd – Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day

Phonics folders – YELLOW NAMES

This week we have sent home a name card. Your child's name is written in yellow with red dots that show where the formation of the letters in their name begins. As we teach new sounds in phonics we always talk about how we form the letters. We use the patterns to help them visualise it. We have also included a whiteboard marker pen which allows your child to practise writing their name and then be able to rub it off and try again. We will be working on this at school too but practising at home will also be a great contribution to their progress in name writing.

Other bits:

BOOK REMINDERS

- Library books back by **Tuesday (no later please)**
- Grey books – back by **Friday (no later please)**

