

Reception Newsletter



Friday 26th March

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

This week was Book Week at Kinsale, and in Reception we have focused on a story called 'The Odd Egg', linking nicely with the mysterious egg which appeared in the outside area. The children have written their own stories in the same format as the story, showing us their amazing phonics skills and use of punctuation.

In Mathematics we have learnt about repeating patterns. We have made repeating patterns using our bodies, colours, shapes and the children even decorated an Easter egg using repeating colours.

In Phonics we have continued to recap the sounds taught during lockdown, this week we focused on; '**ch** and **ng**' and we have learnt a new sound '**th**' thank and then.

We have been learning lots about Easter and why and how it is celebrated. The children have learnt how Easter traditions link to the Easter story. Please ask your child what an Easter egg, a chick and a hot cross bun represent in the Easter story.

We know that due to COVID there are lots of missed opportunities for the children, and one of those is celebrating a birthday with friends.

Once again we have had our own birthday party for the children, celebrating the children's whose birthdays were between December to March. The children made hats and decorated the classrooms, and had a great time dancing and playing party games.

Next week (wb 12th April)

We will be opening up the children's shed in our outside area. The children learn to look after their resources and use them to develop their imaginative play. One resource that they will enjoy using are the ladders, they learn to work together and to be safe when climbing (FYI there are 4 steps). In Mathematics we will be learning to build and identify numbers to 20, discussing and exploring what happens when a ten frame is complete!

Dates for the Diary

Monday 12th – Summer term begins
Tuesday 20th April – Parents Evening
Thursday 29th April – Parents Evening

Other bits:

- On Monday 29th March you will receive a Tapestry notification regarding a PDF of your child's learning during lockdown, please save or print and keep safe to look back on years to come.
- We have been very fortunate to have Miss Edmead our trainee teacher in Tigers this term and we are very lucky that she will be returning for her Summer Term placement.
- Good news, Mrs Sidy is returning, in person, to Tigers after the Easter holidays, the children have been told and are all very excited. The children have been amazing with the live learning and have enjoyed talking to Mrs Sidy via the iPad and interactive whiteboard.
- Easter project – On Tapestry today, (Friday 26th) you will find an observation regarding our Easter project. The project includes lots of fun creative activities to have a go at during the holidays. Please add any videos and photos onto Tapestry. Don't forget any 'Wow moments' can be added any time. We love seeing what you have been up to! PE- Leopards PE day - **Thursday**. Tigers PE day – **Tuesday** but all PE kits need to be in all week as there are times when we may change this timetable.

Have a wonderful and relaxing Easter holiday.

The Reception team