

# What is happening in Reception this week?

11<sup>th</sup> January 2021



## Literacy

We are starting a new book linked to our topic called 'The Great Pet Sale' by Mick Inkpen. It is about a boy who goes to the pet shop to buy a pet. There is a little rat who is desperate to be bought but the boy has so much choice. The children are introduced to a range of exotic animals, each with a price tag on them. Which pet would they have bought?

## Maths

We are going to be learning all about the number 12 this week. The children will develop their understanding of the number by making it in different ways. We are sending home ten-frames and Numicon shapes to support this. We will also link to our story and explore numbers with pennies.



## Topic

This week, we are still looking at pets. We will be exploring how to take care of pets and keeping them and us clean. We will also do some linked work on rhyming words. How many words can we find that rhyme with cat? What about dog? Some children find understanding rhyme tricky at first and need lots of practice. We also have the chance to explore pets and cats in Ancient Egypt.

## Messages

Thank you all for working so hard in getting our remote learning up and running. We are so pleased with the successes we have had in our first week. Our parents and pupils have kept going and supported each other so well done to you! We are constantly learning as we go along and will go from strength to strength. We are modifying some timings this week for chat times. This is so we can build in some extra phonics work that's not covered on the video links. Please check the new times so you don't miss these vital reading and writing sessions.



## How can you help at home?

Anything you do to help your child at home is a plus. Phonics, maths, writing and talking are the most important parts of the remote learning package. Please try and access these, if you are not able to access the full curriculum. The afternoon learning and morning phonics videos have the flexibility to be undertaken at anytime. Please try and make the maths at 10.30 (10.50 for some pupils) and the chat and phonics sessions. The timings for these have changed slightly this week to make timings more effective for phonics. Please check these new times and log on to join us at the correct time. Currently, we are exploring whether sessions could be recorded and watched later. We are aware some children have to share equipment with their siblings and making set times might be a challenge. We have included a full outline of the remote package with this newsletter and would ask you to refer to it daily. We hope not to change times again unless really necessary. Don't forget to upload pictures of the work the children have done. It is so lovely for us to see this. I know many children show in chat time but Ms York rarely gets to join the remote sessions due to in school provisions. If you upload it, it means she gets to see it too!

**Please remember we are here to support you and make this very difficult time as painless as possible. If you are finding things difficult or have any questions or problems, please let us know. We may be able to do something to help and make things better for you and your child. Take care and stay safe!**