

# What is happening in Reception this week?

25<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## Literacy



We are starting another new book linked to our topic called 'The Pig in the Pond'. This book is also by Martin Waddell. It is about a pig who gets hotter and hotter until ... he jumps in the pond on the farm. We will think about where the story happened (the setting) and the characters in it. We will think about how the different animal characters felt.

## Maths



We are going to be learning all about the number 14 this week. The children will develop their understanding of the number by making it in different ways. We will also explore one more and one less. We sent home ten-frames and Numicon shapes in their packs to support the children's understanding of these.



## Topic

This week, we are continuing to think about 'Farm Animals' and jobs on the farm. We will think about being a good friend like the animals in our story last week. We will continue to learn animal names and explore words that rhyme with some farm animals. We will also explore positional language. In our story the pig was **in** the pond. We will be playing a game using other positional language such as **under, behind, next to, in front of**, etc.

## Messages



It is wonderful for us to interact with so many of the children online and see the amazing learning they are doing. A big thank you for remembering to mute during meetings, unless asked to unmute, as this makes sure all the children can hear what is being said. We hope to see even more children join us over the coming week. Please let us know if you are having issues with this. Please remember it is Inset Day on Wednesday so there will be no set work. We have sent links for phonics and have a range of weekly activities, if you wanted to do them on that day.

## How can you help at home?

You are all doing an amazing job, which will really help your children. We are all working so hard to minimise the negative impact on their learning, from this lockdown. If you are not joining us daily yet, then I would recommend you do if you are able to. Please watch the phonics video links and encourage your child to join in with the words. Please Fred Talk to your child throughout the day to help their phonics. Say w-e-b and support them to say web. If they can do this easily, extend by adding a special friend (two letters and one sound like th, sh, etc.). You say w-i-sh and support them to say wish. Once they can do this, extend to 4 sounds such as s-t-o-p for stop. The easier this becomes, the easier reading will be. Please join the group for phonics so that the children are practising their reading. For children who have been working with Mrs Griffin and Mrs Kalampaliki, there are some RWI sound blending books on Oxford Owl the children can read. If they are with Miss Kriketou, there are some Red Ditty books too. We are hoping the children will soon be ready to move on to the next stage of their reading and you can help them by reading these. Remember, the children can now explore any numbers on Ten Town up to and including our number of the week. There are some great resources to try and songs to sing.

**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!**