

# What is happening in Reception this week?

1<sup>st</sup> February 2021



## Literacy

We are starting another new book called 'Dear Zoo'. This is a book by Rod Campbell. It is about a boy who asks the zoo to send him a pet. He gets sent lots of inappropriate animals that he sends back, before he gets the perfect pet. We will think about where the story happened (the setting) and the characters in it. We will think about what happened and why it is funny.

## Maths

We are going to be learning all about the number 15 this week. The children will develop their understanding of the number by making it in different ways. We will also explore money. Please explore the number 15, plus the other numbers we have learned on Ten Town. There are lots of activities to reinforce our learning.



## Topic



This week, we are moving on to think about 'Wild Animals'. We will be thinking about where different animals come from-where do they live? We will be thinking about animals in the zoo and what it is like to visit the zoo. What would we need to think about to stay safe? Can we spot animals by only seeing a little part of them? We will also be thinking about nocturnal animals and learning about some animals that only come out at night.

## Messages

Again, a big 'Thank You' for doing such an amazing job with home-schooling. We can see how well the children are doing from the work you are sharing with us. Most children are now joining us for remote learning which is fantastic! Could we ask everyone to make sure they are doing the phonics links sent through and upload some of the work they are doing for us to look at. As always, please remember to mute during meetings, unless asked to unmute, as this makes sure all the children can hear what is being said.

**IMPORTANT**

## How can you help at home?

Please join us for remote learning for Maths and phonics if you can, and do let us know when things are not working well, so we can adjust to make the learning better for everyone. Please watch the phonics video links and encourage your child to join in with the words and 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. This week, some children will be starting to learn set 2 sounds and reading green books, some children will be starting red ditty books and some will be starting ditty sheets. These will be put on Google Classroom for the children learning remotely. Please support your child with their reading as it is so vital for them all. Please also remember to explore Ten Town. The children can explore the number of the week and other numbers through songs, games and other activities. They can collect reward points to personalise their avatar.

**Please remember we are here to support you in anyway we can. Please contact us if you are having issues so we can work together for your child. Take care and stay safe!**