



What is happening in Reception this week?

8th February 2021

Literacy



We are continuing to look at the story we read last week called 'Dear Zoo'. We will be trying to retell the story using a story map. We will also be reading a new book titled 'Dear Greenpeace' by Simon James. This book has a series of letters, sent between a little girl named Emily and Greenpeace. She tells them she has seen a whale in her pond and asks them for information.

Maths



We are going to be learning all about the number 16 this week. The children will develop their understanding of the number by making it in different ways. Please explore the number 16, plus the other numbers we have learned on Ten Town. We will also be exploring weight, thinking about things that are lighter and heavier.



Topic

This week, we are continuing to think about 'Wild Animals'. We will be thinking about where the animals in the zoo come from. Is it a hot place or a cold place? We will also be exploring the idea of looking after animals and protecting them. We will find out about some animals that are endangered and why it is important we protect them. We will link this back to our story, why Emily wrote to Greenpeace.

Messages

Another big 'Thank You' and well done for doing such an amazing job with home-schooling. We have had a few more children joining us this week which has been lovely. Just a reminder to keep the mute on unless asked to unmute. Can we also check that everyone is doing the daily phonics lessons from Read Write Inc and joining their teachers for daily phonics later each morning. We are planning to introduce a new classroom for Mrs Griffin's group to enable slightly longer sessions to complete all the reading. Details will be sent out separately just to her group.



How can you help at home?

Please join us for remote learning for Maths and phonics if you can, and 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, using 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 support your child with their reading as this is so vital for them all. Listen to them reading their words, phrases and books. There are a number of additional books on Oxford Owl that they could read. There are sound blending books for children on Ditties, Red Books and Green Books. Please 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 any way we can. Contact us if you are having issues so we can work together for your child. Take care and stay safe!