

# What is happening in Reception this week?

15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## Literacy



We will be retelling the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' using our story map. We will also be trying to write some sentences about it. We will listen to a few new stories over the week including 'Look Out for the Big Bad Fish!' by Sheridan Cain and Tanya Linch. This story is about a little tadpole who can't wait until he can jump. He goes for a swim but must take care!

## Maths



We are going to be learning all about the number 20 this week. The children will develop their understanding of the number by writing it and making it in different ways. We will be revising all our numbers to 20, learning to read them and recognise them using ten-frames and Numicon. We will also be revising addition.



## Topic

This week, we continue looking at life cycles. We will revise the life cycle of a butterfly and we will try to sequence the life cycle, putting it in correct order. We will also look at tadpoles and how they change into a frog. We will be looking how other animals change as they grow and thinking about how we have changed too, since we were a baby.

## Messages

It has been lovely having all the children back at school and they have settled back so well into their daily routines. They have been getting back into organising themselves in the morning and doing this very well. Thank you for remembering to order school dinners. Also, thank you for sending in PE kits. We still have a few children who need to bring theirs back to school. **Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school ready for this Friday.** We are having a big focus on developing our communication and language skills so we are better able to access our learning. We are working on our listening skills.

IMPORTANT

## How can you help at home?

Please help your child get back into good routines, especially bedtime routines. They will need plenty of sleep to engage fully with their learning in school. We have moved some of the children around in their phonics groups to match their current reading skills. Please support them with their reading at home by listening to them reading their green words, red words and their books, once they are at this stage. Remember to do lots of oral blending with them to help their reading and practise their sounds daily. Some children are learning set 2 now and will need lots of practise with these, as well as their special friends from set 1. There are a few children who still need to remember to bring in their reading folders daily. Please help your child with this, so they have the things they need and develop good routines. Help your child develop positive attitudes to reading by sharing books with them and reading plenty of stories to them that they enjoy. We want all of our children to develop a love of reading and have the skills they need to read fluently and with good understanding.

**We are always here to help and support you. Education is a partnership. The stronger the partnership, the better it is for everyone. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything, please let us know. We are so pleased our children are back in school! Have a lovely week!**