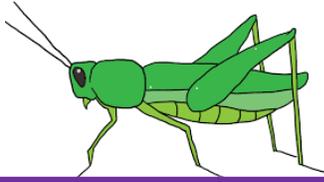


Reception Newsletter



Friday 10th February 2023

Our golden promises

We promise to be...

Respectful (look after everyone and everything), **Friendly** (share, play together and be happy) **Thoughtful and caring** (be kind, listen to others and use good manners) **Enthusiastic** (to be an excited learner)

This week...

The very cold temperatures this week have helped us explore the season of winter. We have talked about how we need to dress for this season and some of the things we might see in this season like frost, ice, bare trees, snowdrops, and Robins – one of the very few birds that does not migrate in the winter. In math's we have been learning all about capacity. We have used the language of capacity like **full, empty, half full, nearly full, nearly empty** and have been measuring how much water different containers can hold. There has also been great excitement as we introduced toast into our snack area. The children have learnt how to be safe when using the toaster – where to stand how to remove the toast when it is finished. They have been buttering it themselves and washing up and drying their plates. They have absolutely LOVED it!

Phonics this week

Phonemes –*oo* (long sound as in *roof* and short sound as in *book*), *ar* (*car*), *or* (*short*)

Common exception words (tricky) –

has, as

High frequency words (try to read on sight)

them, this, that, then,

Ideas for home

Robin Challenge! Can you spot a Robin in your garden? This is the UK's 'unofficial' national bird and a bird that remains here in the winter season. There is a WOW stamp reward for anyone who spots one, takes a picture and puts it on tapestry! Find out more about robins <https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-kids/facts-about-nature/facts-about-birds/robin/>

After half term

We will carry on exploring the winter season by talking about what happens to nature and the animals in this season. If the weather is still cold, it will a great opportunity for an ice investigation.

We will be reading new story Stanley's Stick and this will hopefully inspire us to use our imaginations in lots of different ways.

We are looking forward to welcoming you all into the classroom to watch a phonics lesson.

Things coming up

Tuesday 21st Phonics workshops

Tuesday 28th Phonics workshops

Other bits:

Library books – Children will bring home with an additional book this week from our school library. The children will visit the library and select their own book based around their interests and what they like the look of! The purpose of this book is to encourage reading for pleasure and this is a book you can read **to** them. We will record the name of the library book borrowed in addition to you recording it in their reading record.

Library books can be returned every **Wednesday** and a new one will be sent home on the same day

Reading books: Return to school on a Monday. New book out on Tuesday
(Please ensure they are kept in book bags all week)

Phonics folders: In on a Wednesday and out on a Friday

**** words in red = new vocabulary that we have taught the children. Use this vocabulary at home to support your child's language development****

Have a lovely February half term!