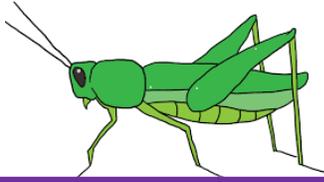


Reception Newsletter



Friday 24 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...

This week we have read the story of Stanley's stick, a story about a character who has a love for sticks and is very creative with them. We talked about what we know about ticks, where they come from and that they come in different shapes and sizes. Some of the children were inspired to collect their own sticks and get **creative** with them, turning a stick into a fishing rod or a magic wand. We will continue to use this story over the next few weeks to learn how we can turn ordinary everyday things into something extraordinary. In our learning about winter, we have looked at what happens to nature and how animals **hibernate** in this **season**. In math's this week, we have been thinking about measure – finding things that are taller / shorter and using nonstandard units such as cubes, pens or paperclips to measure how long something is.

Next week

It is national Polar bear day on Monday. As the school is developing its eco team, we will be thinking about the polar bears and their habitats. Their icy habitat will also extend our learning about winter and cold weather places. World book day on Thursday and a chance to celebrate even more all things books and stories! We look forward to some 'book inspired' costumes. What better way to end the week than by going to the Theatre to see the production of a well-loved book 'The tiger who came to tea'. An exciting week ahead!

Phonics this week

Phonemes – *ow*

Common exception words – *you, was*

High frequency words (try to read on sight)

look, too

Ideas for home

Find the tallest thing in your house / the shortest thing in your house. Can you find something that is the same height as you? Can you measure the forks and the spoons? What will you use? Remember to use the same thing all the time to measure (e.g. paperclips or piece of pasta).

Things coming up

Tuesday 28th Phonics workshops

Thursday 2nd World Book Day

Friday 3rd – Theatre trip

Other bits:

Phonics workshops – We have another phonics parent workshop next week. Please sign up if you have not already done so. It is a great opportunity to observe how we teach phonics and how to further support your child at home with reading.

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

Library books: Return to school on Wednesday. New book out on Wednesday

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 weekend