

## Reception Class Newsletter

What another amazing week of learning from our Reception superstars, whether they have been in school or at home. Thank you for 'Teaming' in each day to join us and for getting into the spirit and joining in with our 'dough disco' too.

We are continuing reviewing our remote learning. We know that some children are finding the live phonics tricky, of course it is much easier for us to be directly in front of them, they are more 'exposed' this way so might be feeling a little under pressure. We feel that a mixture of live teaching, pre-recorded lessons and follow up games or sheets, where appropriate, is working best. The phonics groups have been renamed after woodland animals (apologies for any confusion moving forward). It is normal for children to move groups. Sometimes they move into another group as they may need to consolidate certain sounds, other times it might be because a smaller group can help to boost their confidence. Everyone is doing really well and making fantastic progress. We are just planning how we can deliver weekly guided reading sessions next. When we have finalised how it might work for Reception we will let you know.

This week we have been busy finding out how snowflakes are made, designing snowflake making machines, building castles for the Snow Queen and Princess Ellie to live in, dancing and singing about penguins, drawing penguins, listening to stories about penguins and other arctic animals and finding out why penguins can't fly. We also talked about winter and had fun packing two suitcases one with winter and one with summer clothes in and explaining why we would need them. We've used Purple Mash to draw penguins, winter trees and decorate winter clothing or pack a summer suitcase. We have enjoyed our daily 'dough disco' sessions which are now live twice a week (with parents joining in too). We are becoming expert subitisers, with some of us having a go at subitising beyond 5 and we know which pairs of numbers make 5 and some of us are beginning to explain our mathematical thinking.

Next week we are looking at Capacity and measuring in the third week of 'Alive-in-5'!

### Super stars

Well done to Jacob, Gwen and Callum who are our stars of the week.



Each week it is a **very** difficult choice to make. You are all being amazing and we are so proud of each and every one of you. (Parents too)

### Packs for Home

It's been great to see the children have been using their whiteboards and 5 frames from the packs. There are some fine motor activities in the pack. We know you might not have the resources at home for some of them but there will be others that you can try. Some can be adapted e.g. if you don't have pipe cleaners to thread through a colander you could use uncooked spaghetti.

We are just in the process of sorting out some online reading books for you to have access too. Details will be sent out over Seesaw shortly. A weekly Teams schedule will also be sent out over the weekend via Seesaw.

Have a wonderful weekend, Thank you again for your amazing support,

Mrs Rogers, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Bailey and Mrs Brooker