

Reception Class Weekly Newsletter – 30th January 2015



Well the snow is finally here! Hopefully there was/is enough for your child to build a snowman, which was what they all wanted to do yesterday as the flakes began to fall! I hope you have fun exploring it together. Snow is a very magical thing when you are young and it is very easy to forget just how exciting it can be.



We have continued to expand our interest in bears to find out about different types of bears by looking at non-fiction books. We have also talked about penguins. Our bear hunt role play remains just as popular and has appealed in different ways to the children.

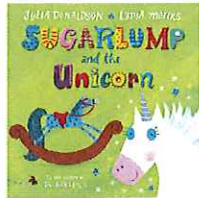
WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT

Sorry to be blunt and we do keep asking but can you name your child's clothes. This week, after PE we had a few t-shirts with no names and a couple of pairs of trousers, that the children had got muddled, hopefully we sent them home on the right child. It can be very difficult matching children to clothing when it isn't named. Some of you use pen which is fine but it washes out!



This week we have finished the set 2 sounds. Despite what the children keep saying we are not starting our set 3 sounds yet! We have raced through the sounds and now that we know the rhymes for our set 2 sounds we need to focus on reading them in words and writing them. It will be a little while before we are ready to move onto set 3. Now the children have been taught the set 1 and 2 sounds they have, in theory, all the 44 sounds they need to write any word phonetically. If you came to the Read Write Inc meeting in October you may remember being asked by Mrs Ling to write a sentence about a tiny ant crawling along etc.. That sentence demonstrated how children can use phonics to write any word. Children also learn to read and spell the tricky (red) words correctly. As children progress through the school they are taught the correct spellings for words as part of their spelling lessons. For the past few weeks we have been learning to spell the tricky words the, go, no, was, want and I.

We are still running a little low on cardboard kitchen roll tubes and would be very grateful for any you can send in.



Thank you to Matilda's Grandma who came in on Wednesday afternoon and was our Mystery reader this week. She read the lovely story 'Sugarlump and the Unicorn' by Julia Donaldson. If you would like to be our mystery reader we are full for the next few weeks but have some slots in March if you would like to come and have a turn or have another turn.

Train ride, please can you return your permission slips by Monday. Thank you very much. Fingers crossed for no snow that day!

Congratulations to this week's stars of the week Henry and Bronte. Also congratulations to Xanthe and Eleanor who sat on the VIP table to eat their lunch today.

Many thanks,

Mrs Rogers, Mrs Newbould and Miss Harding