



Welcome to the Reception newsletter



26th January 2024

What's been happening in Owls and Foxes classes...

In maths we have been learning about sequencing numbers, more and less and have learnt to name a number that is 1 less and sometimes even 2 less. Next week we'll be learning to divide an amount into 2 groups and how to add groups together.

<https://ictgames.com/saveTheWhale/oldcdn.html>

This is a good game to help children remember the numbers that add together to make 10.

In phonics we are continuing to learn the phase 3 digraph sounds (2 letters that make 1 sound) and how to read and spell with them. This week we have learnt sh, th, ng and next week we will look at ai, ee, igh oa.. Here is an explanation of the phase 3 sounds, which get quite tricky now!

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/article/phonics-phase-3-expansion>

The phonics bloom website also has some useful games on it. We would recommend using the phase 2 games as practice, until we have taught the phase 3 sounds at school.



We have compared different environments in our world, looking closely at the South Pole and Tanzania in Africa. We used the words environment, habitat and climate to describe them. We have made books and art inspired by African animals and have explored ice freezing and melting.

In RE we have been learning the story of the Loaves and the Fishes. We tried to share a little bread between us as we can't perform miracles like Jesus. We then found lots more bread in the basket, which we buttered and shared on the snack table! We made some beautiful fish, but I'm not sure there were enough for 5000 people! We have continued to sing the song 'Jesus loves me

this I know'. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KqghCEtTFo>

Next week we will find out how Jesus continued to show his love for everyone.



Number Day

On Friday 2nd February our school will be taking part in the Number Day for NSPCC. All children are encouraged to wear a number themed costume and bring in a donation for the children's charity.

It can be a football shirt or t-shirt with numbers on it, you could make your own costume or even just a simple number hat.



Important dates

January 29th and 30th vision and hearing screening in school

Friday 2nd February Number Day. Dress up for the NSPCC

February 16th- Finish school for half term break

March 6th and 7th-Fox class parents evenings

March 5th and 7th- Owl class parents evenings

Please note the different days for these parents evenings, this is due to Mrs Kirby not working on Tuesdays.

Please feel free to come and talk to us if you have any questions, or send us an email.

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Best wishes,

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