

Reception Newsletter 27th January 2023

Dear parents/carers,

We are so proud of how the children represented the school on the trip to ZSL Zoo on Tuesday and we really enjoyed the trip despite the chilly weather. If your child would like a pencil, you can still purchase one for £2 as there are enough pencils for everyone. Please hand £2 to Annie for a pencil from the zoo.

This week we have been:

- re-reading 'Dear Zoo' in preparation for our trip to the zoo and sharing our favourite parts of the trip.
- consolidating Phase 2 phonics with the sounds f, b, ai, j (Ben's group).
- exploring short vowel sounds including /ck/ in CVCC (Consonant, Vowel, Consonant, Consonant) words and the tricky words 'said', 'here' and 'there' (Annie's group).
- adding to 10 by combining two groups in a part-whole model to find how much there is altogether.
- writing sentences about our trip to the zoo.

Next week we will be:

- understanding what an Atlas is and reading the 'Children's Picture Atlas', published by Collins.
- learning about the continents and comparing the weather, animals and landmarks.
- consolidating Phase 2 phonics with the sounds oa, ie, ee, or, z (Ben's group).
- learning to read and write words with short vowel sounds and double consonants (e.g., rabbit, dress, drill, etc.), and the tricky word 'they' (Annie's group).
- learning how to measure lengths using non-standard measures and recognising when something is longer, shorter and taller.

You can help at home by:

- practising writing captions to pictures in a story.
- listening to the children read by supporting them with segmenting and blending.
- continuing to practice number formations and begin to look at adding numbers up to 10 in context (e.g., How many toys are there altogether?)
- practising the letter formations using the Jolly Phonics sheets given throughout the week.

We hope you have a lovely weekend,
Ben, Annie, Ginny and Yasmin