

Reception Newsletter  
November 27th 2020

Dear parents/carers,

**This week we have been...**

- Reading the story 'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell.
- Having a try at re-telling and writing parts of the story such as "they sent me a ... He was too big, I sent him back!"
- Drawing and painting animals from observation (pictures of animals)
- Learning about adding and subtracting in maths. Children have had a try at adding and subtracting within ten (and beyond) using counters, fingers and using the plus, minus and equals symbols. We have been supporting them in gaining a deeper understanding of adding meaning that the amount gets bigger and subtracting means that the total amount gets less.
- Recapping the letter sounds h, b and f and having a go at writing simple CVC 3 letter words with them. Children might like to try playing the Phase 2 reading game 'Fishy Phonics' on the website [phonics bloom](http://phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/fishy-phonics?phase=2) at home, if they have access to a computer/tablet and adult supervision. [www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/fishy-phonics?phase=2](http://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/fishy-phonics?phase=2)

**Next week we will...**

- Focus our learning on the book 'Dear Santa' by Rod Campbell. We will continue to notice the familiar patterns in the structure of the Dear Zoo and Dear Santa stories and encourage children to have a go at re-telling/re-writing the stories themselves.
- Use different shaped parcels, presents and packages on the maths table to help support our teaching of the story as well as the vocabulary related to measure 'biggest, smallest, tallest, shortest, heaviest, lightest.'
- Learn the sounds l, ll and ss.

**You can help at home by...**

- Noticing and talking about things that are heavier or lighter, taller or shorter, longer or shorter. Children might like to try ordering objects that they can find around the house in this way, from longest to shortest for example! If children enjoy doing this we'd love to see via tapestry!

**We hope that you have a wonderful weekend.**