

## Reception Newsletter



We have had a lovely week in school this week!

On Monday, as part of Expressive Arts and Design, the children had the opportunity to experiment with clay. We learnt that clay comes from underground, and artists use it to create sculptures. We then designed an animal sculpture (based on our topic of Habitats), and the children had a go at creating their design with clay. We are so impressed with their creations, and we cannot wait to paint them next week!

To conclude our topic on Habitats, next week we will be taking a visit to the local river in Chertsey to see if we can spot any animals in their Habitat!

# Reminder - Number Day!

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February — The children can come to school wearing an item of clothing with a number on it. Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme!

£1 donation to the NSPCC, payable by ScoPay. Thank you!













# Our learning next week...

#### In Phonics we will be learning...

- Consolidating sounds: j, v, w, x
- Reading and writing CVC words containing the sounds j, v, w, x e.g. seven, jacket, vest, taxi, box, twig, well
- Writing simple sentences with a capital letter, finger space and full stop e.g. Will has six twigs.

### In Maths we will be learning...

Shapes in the Environment

Shapes and their faces

Repeating patterns

Patterns in the environment

## Communication and Language

To develop the children's communication, language and vocabulary, each week we introduce two new words related to our topic.

Next week our words of the week will be:

#### river scales

Please do discuss these at home with your child and encourage them to use them verbally in sentences.

# Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We are continuing to learn about the importance of looking after our bodies. We will be discussing the importance of sleep, eating lots of brain food, personal hygiene, and exercise.

#### Understanding the World

Our topic for this half term will be **Habitats**.

We will be learning about:

- Polar Regions
- Rainforest
- Grasslands and Safari
- Woodlands
- Under the Sea

Next week, we will be learning about

Under The Sea

#### <u>RE</u>

**Galilee to Jerusalem**: I know that Jesus wants me to take care of myself and others.

We will be understanding the ways in which Jesus cares for all of us. We will we be discussing how we can live each day like Jesus, looking after our friends and family by being kind and helpful.

## Reminders...

#### Reminder: Reading Diaries

Every week, the children take part in Guided Reading with both their class teacher and LSA's.

To record the child's reading progress, could we please ask that you ensure the children's reading diaries are in school every day.

In the children's reading diary, we will record reading celebrations with a tick and any sounds/tricky words to practise will be recorded in a bubble.

#### For example:



Excellent sounding out and blending.







## Special Visitors from St George's College, Weybridge

On the final session with St Georges, which will be on the 14th March, all Reception staff and children are invited to go on a coach and attend a celebratory Mass at St George's College in Weybridge, where the Reception children will perform one of the songs they have learnt. At the Mass, we will be joined by the other local Catholic schools who share the partnership with St George's. The children will then be offered a snack and drink (provided by the College) and we will return to school by lunchtime.

In order for your child to attend the celebratory Mass, please ensure you provide consent on Arbor. If you are unable to log into Arbor, please contact the school office.

#### Important Dates for the Diary

Parents Evening (online)	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February
Inset Day	Friday 9th February
Start of Spring 2	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February

Have a lovely weekend 😊

