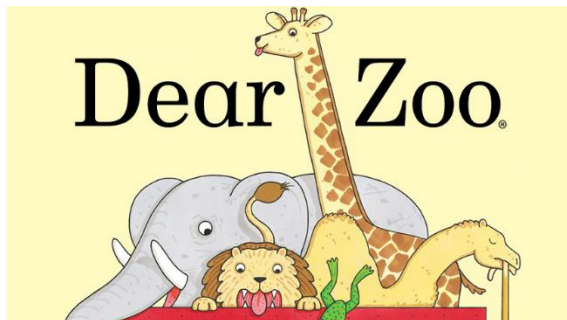


EYFS Spring Newsletter



Wow! What a strange, yet rewarding term it has been. I am so incredibly proud of the whole class. They have shown determination, resilience and such enthusiasm, despite the challenges and changes we have faced. It is most certainly time for a restful and quality Easter break with our families.



Most of this term has been spent learning remotely from our own homes, but this most certainly hasn't held us back. Both at home and in school, we explored our 'Dear Zoo' topic. The children have been fantastic at sharing what they know about zoo animals and the amazing country of Africa, the main homeland of many of our zoo animals. The children have built upon their knowledge of animals through their own research and many children have begun to record their learning using labels and captions.

We have explored opportunities to create African jewellery, build our own mud houses and build and test our own canoes. We have thought about how we are all special in our own individual ways. Elma the patchwork Elephant and the Mixed-Up Chameleon have helped us to reflect on why we should be proud of who we are and the amazing things we have and will achieve.



We have been keeping our minds healthy and our bodies active through GoNoodle, Cosmic Kids Yoga and dough disco. The children have really enjoyed their gymnastics lessons together with Mr Nicholson too! Our brand-new, incredible books are helping to inspire and grow our minds!

We have been continuing to practice and use our Phase 3 sounds in phonics to write captions and sentences. We showered our homes and the classroom in the sounds we have been learning to help us to remember. Pop has also introduced us to the world of rhyming along with stories that we have loved reading. We have been using the wonderful world around us to investigate, discover, construct and practice our maths and literacy learning in different ways. In maths the children have been fantastic at finding new and different ways to represent the numbers we have been learning. We have learned how to share by attending animal tea parties and doubling our numbers using animal print patterns. We have been working super hard to measure things using non-standard units of measurement and how we can measure accurately. We have been using our language to describe shape, size and position too.

Our trusty sound bear Pop continues to help us in our phonics learning; enabling us to think and write words that have our new sounds. Pop likes to make a scene and gives us lots to discuss and write about.

We are very proud of our Reception children that are beginning Phase 4 and 5 phonics learning! 😊



We have enjoyed springing into action this half-term, exploring our topic of 'Old McDonald Had a Farm' and of course the season of Spring! The children have been fantastic at talking about who lives on the farm. We had so much fun on our Spring walk, exploring and spotting all of the signs of Spring we have learnt about. On top of this, the children had an amazing opportunity to experience and apply all of their learning about farms on our virtual farm trip 😊

We have been blown away with how well Reception have returned from lockdown. Thank you to all parents for your continued support, patience and understanding this term during times of remote learning. Roll on the Summer term where we can all continue our learning journey in school together! Have a wonderful Easter holiday from all of us in the Reception team.

