

Dear Families,

Thank you once again for a super half term! The children are now completing regular writing which you may have seen displayed around the room. We have aimed to show you the amazing progress they have made over such a short amount of time. Their reading is also progressing so well - well done children on all the hard work.

This week we have been looking at the Life Cycle of dinosaurs - the children have made some amazing sock puppet dinosaurs and they have written the life cycle in their books. In maths the children have been doing some amazing estimating and matching this to Numbers.

We have now covered all of the sounds that we will learn in phonics - we now concentrate on using our sounds in reading and writing as well as making sure the children know all of these sounds. Over the holidays, I will send home a copy of all of the sounds that the children need to know in Reception. If you can, **spend some time with your child going over these sounds to find their gaps** - although they are doing very well - so no pressure!

In Reception, the children are also expected to be able to read the following words by the end of the year: **the, no, go, to, I, he, she, we, be, you, they, all, are, my, her**. I am including a tick chart to encourage your child to learn these over the holidays! (I do realise some of you may already be able to do this!)

Finally, over the break we would like you to attempt 1 of the following activities:

- Junk model a dinosaur or create a collage of a dinosaur land
- Bake dinosaur-themed cake/biscuits - take photos or share in class!
- Visit the dinosaur park/Barnstaple museum - take photos and write about what you did. (if you don't manage this - you could try going for a walk in the woods and look for other life cycles, such as frogs/insects/plant life cycles)
- Go for a walk around your house and look for numbers to 20 or on houses in your area - can you draw and record this in your book?

Don't forget to keep learning those tricky words and reading your books at home! Remember, home learning is optional and is meant to be fun - if you are having trouble squeezing it in - don't worry!

Thanks again for your great support in class! Have a wonderful half term break and avoid the bugs!

The Reception Team

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