

This week the children have enjoyed learning about the book Zog, we have had dragons everywhere. The children made some fantastic dragon masks, dragon paper chains and even playdough dragons.

In phonics this week we have learned the sounds:

dge ve wh cks

Please practice these at home. Please remember to let your class teacher know when your child is confident with reading all of their teddy/ fish or boat words etc. We have been really impressed with how quickly the children are learning these, all the practising at home definitely helps.

For homework this week you could design your own dragon and have a go at labelling some of its features.

**As we are nearly half way through the year now is the time that we start to look at the end of Reception Targets. For your information we have attached the end of Reception Targets for Literacy and Maths. This is something that all children are working towards at the moment. If you would like to discuss your child's progress with your class teacher, then we will be available on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February from 3.30 pm to 5.00pm. Please see your class teacher to arrange a time slot.**

Our book next week is A Squash and a Squeeze.

**Friends of Orchard Vale - Tuck Shop - Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February**

Children can bring up to 50p to spend on a treat at morning break in the Food Technology Room. All monies raised are used to help subsidise trips, events and equipment throughout the school.

**Tempest Vista Photograph orders**

If you would like to place an order for the Reception class vista photograph please could you return your order form and payment to the school office **by Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February**. Orders not returned to us by this date will need to be sent by parents directly to Tempest and could incur a postage charge.

**Public Health England (PHE)- Dental Health Survey - Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> February**

PHE have sent requests to parents of 5 year old children to allow their child to be part of its national survey. PHE are collecting information about whether dental health is improving in this age group and to allow them to compare different areas of the country and to plan improvements in the dental health services. The examination will be carried out in school with staff members present and is purely a survey with no treatment being involved. If you have received a letter please could you return this to your class teacher whether you are giving or withdrawing your permission.

**Lunch menu for next week is 'Week One'.**

**Diary Dates** (don't forget to check the school website, [www.ovschool.co.uk](http://www.ovschool.co.uk) for up to date information)

**Mon, 11<sup>th</sup> to Fri, 15<sup>th</sup> Feb - Pitch in a Pound for North Devon Hospice**

**Mon, 18<sup>th</sup> to Fri, 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb - HALF TERM**

**Mon, 25<sup>th</sup> Feb - back to school.**

Have a fantastic weekend. Best wishes.

The Reception Team

## End of Reception Targets

Appointments with your class teacher available to book  
on  
Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February  
between  
3.30pm and 5pm

### Literacy- Reading.

Children read and understand simple sentences. They use phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately. They also read some common irregular words. They demonstrate understanding when talking with others about what they have read.

### Literacy- Writing

Children use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds. They also write some irregular common words. They write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others. Some words are spelt correctly and others are phonetically plausible.

### Maths- Number

Children count reliably with numbers from one to 20, place them in order and say which number is one more or one less than a given number. Using quantities and objects, they add and subtract two single-digit numbers and count on or back to find the answer. They solve problems, including doubling, halving and sharing.



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**FRIDAY 15 FEB**  
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**To support the local charity**



**we are asking children to bring in loose change  
(amounting to £1) w/c Monday 11th February.**

**On Friday 15th February  
we will be using the coins to create an image on  
the school playground.**

**Thank you for your support!!**