

Peek at the Week



Polar Regions

This week in Reception we read the story *Bear Has a Story to Tell*, by Phillip C. Stead. Bear can't get the other animals to stop and listen because they are preparing to hibernate or migrate for the winter. This led us to explore what Winter weather is like where we live and compare it to the Polar Regions - The Arctic and the Antarctic. We talked about the animals that live in these regions and discussed why they have certain characteristics, for instance, thick white fur or layers of blubber. We have been painting using cold colours to show where our polar animals live. We have also been developing our fine motor skills by cutting out pictures of polar animals.

Thank you to the parents who came to our Maths Early Birds this week. We hope the activities and games you saw will help support you at home with your child's learning. The information that was put on the tables will be sent to you all. This will explain the importance of the maths activities we showcased.



Please Read Every Night

The children can collect 2 stickers a week for their bookmarks. 1 sticker is for having books in school every day and the other is for reading daily. We only know that reading is happening if the Reading Record is filled in. The children LOVE to collect their stickers! Please read every night. Some children will be going to collect their first Award - Bronze - next week, because they have collected 24 stickers.



Dip and Do

We will be sending home a strip of paper to make a Number Hat. Please assist the children to decorate these with representations of numbers 6, 7, and 8. Those are the numbers we will be learning about next week!

Mystery Reader!

DO NOT TELL YOUR CHILD!



Children LOVE mysteries and they also love their families! We would like you to help us! Every week we are asking for a family member to come and read a story to their children's class. Maybe your child's favourite bedtime story? Maybe a story from your own childhood? It could be in your home language. This would be at the end of the day for no more than 10-15 minutes.

Bronze class have had their first mystery reader this week!

If you would like to volunteer please secretly talk to or email your class teacher. **Remember – DON'T TELL YOUR CHILD!**

This is to be a surprise for them too!

Important Dates

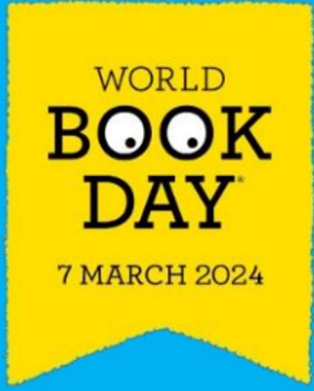
Last day of half term: 9th February Finish 3:15pm

First day back to school: Monday 19th February 8:30am

Family Phonics: Tuesday 20th February, 8:30-10:am

We would like to invite families to come and watch a class, Little Wandle phonics session. The phonics will be finished by 9:30am and the children will then be learning independently. You are welcome to stay until 10:00am and join your child as they learn inside or in our outside area. If you need to leave earlier, please make sure your Teacher or LSA knows you are going.


World Book Day: Thursday 7th March



WORLD BOOK DAY
7 MARCH 2024

Read Your Way

♪ Well, uh-oh, oh, I love books because I read in my own way ♪



This year, we are encouraging children to consider a book character that has been on a journey. It could be a physical journey or an emotional journey.

For example, the mouse from 'The Gruffalo' walking through the woods, or Matilda Wormwood from 'Matilda' and her journey of resilience and embracing her magic.

This is not a mandatory theme for dress up. Just a consideration!

We cannot wait to see all your wonderful book-themed costumes.

Contacts

If you would like to contact any of us by email. We will reply as soon as possible within school working hours.

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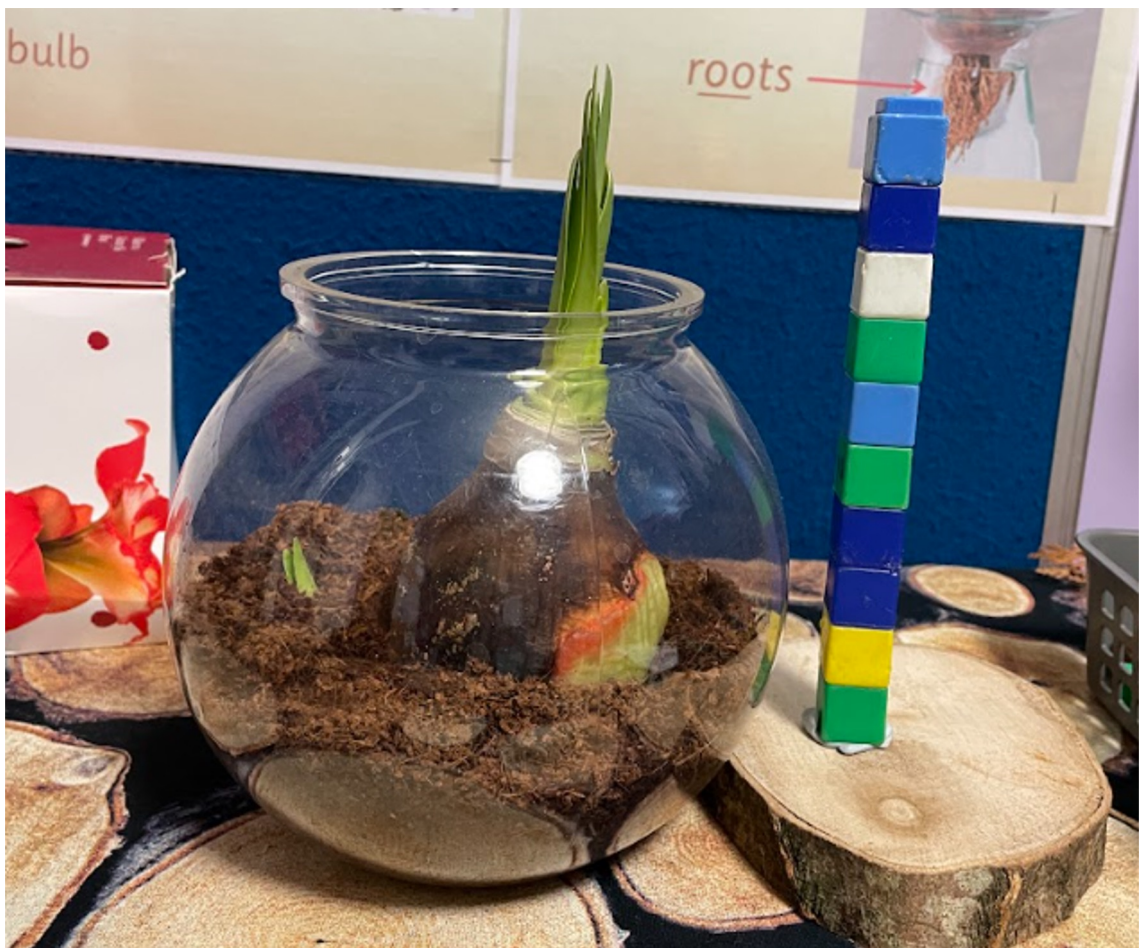
Miss Rhian Lilley - Silver Class rlilley2@suttonmail.org

Mrs Tammy Rich- Bronze Class trich18@suttonmail.org

Please return borrowed clothes

We are running really low on spare clothes. When children do not have spare clothes in school we lend clothes that have been donated.

Please return any clothes that have been lent. If you have any clothes that you no longer need we would love some more donations. Thank you.



Both Bronze and Silver class planted an Amaryllis last week. Please ask your child about this.

Please share these photographs with your children and encourage them to tell you what they have learnt this week.

Thank you to our first Mystery Reader!! You do not have to have your picture taken. We asked this week, so we could show all the parents what it looks like. The children listened really attentively. It is one of their favourite activities.



Which tricky words can you find?

Which number did you make?



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Why did we paint the blue colours this week? Which animals live in the Arctic and Antarctic? Can you remember anything about those animals?



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