

# Peek at the Week



This week in Reception we have been to Drawing Club! We learned lots of new words with actions and read the story 'Penguin' by Polly Dunbar. The story is about Ben getting to know the penguin he has been given as a present! In Drawing Club the children draw pictures linked to the story after their teacher has modelled an idea to them. Their ideas are always better than the teacher's and when they come to the Drawing Club table, they talk about their ideas as they draw. There is also magic involved! Each picture can come to life when the magic button is pressed - but there have to be codes.... Ask the children to tell you.

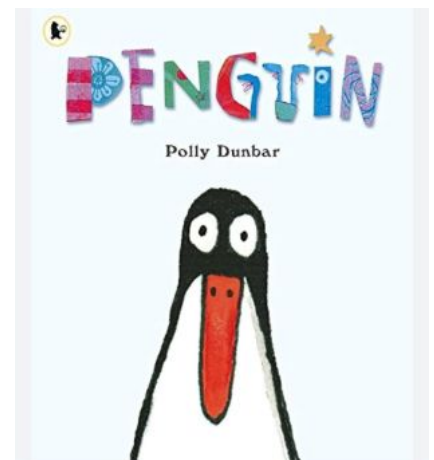
In Maths we have been adding two groups together to find the total using stickers and track games, with dice.

We heard the story of the animals racing across the river, for Lunar New Year, which will be celebrated next week. We made story puppets and used the animals to sequence a number line.



Can you remember the new words and actions for this story?

What actions are the children doing here?



## Junk Modelling / Recycling needed!

The children are enjoying making their own creations using junk modelling. Please collect any recycling over half term and bring it to school. Thank you!



## Mystery Reader!

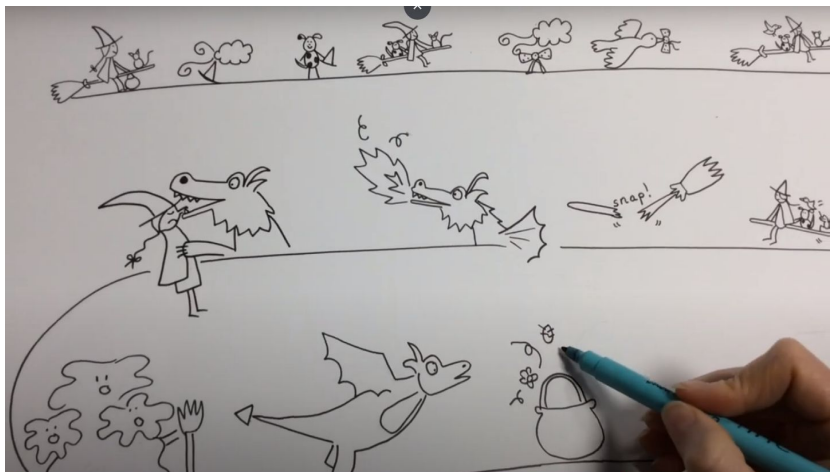
Come and read to your child's class at the end of the day. Any member of the family can come and the children love it!

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!**

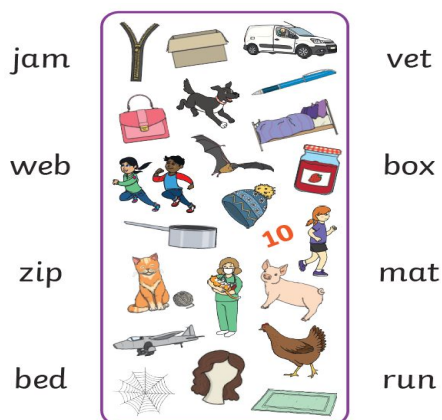


## Dip and Do

1. Pick a favourite story book. Choose one of the following:
  - Make some puppets to help retell the story
  - Draw a picture of your favourite part of the story
  - Draw a story map to help retell the story



2. Your child has been given an Eye Spy sheet which they can do over half term. Can you write the words for any of the other pictures, which will earn an extra sticker?



Each of the above will earn you one sticker for your bookmark. All of these stickers add up to the Reading Prizes the children can receive for consistent reading. There is no pressure to do them all!

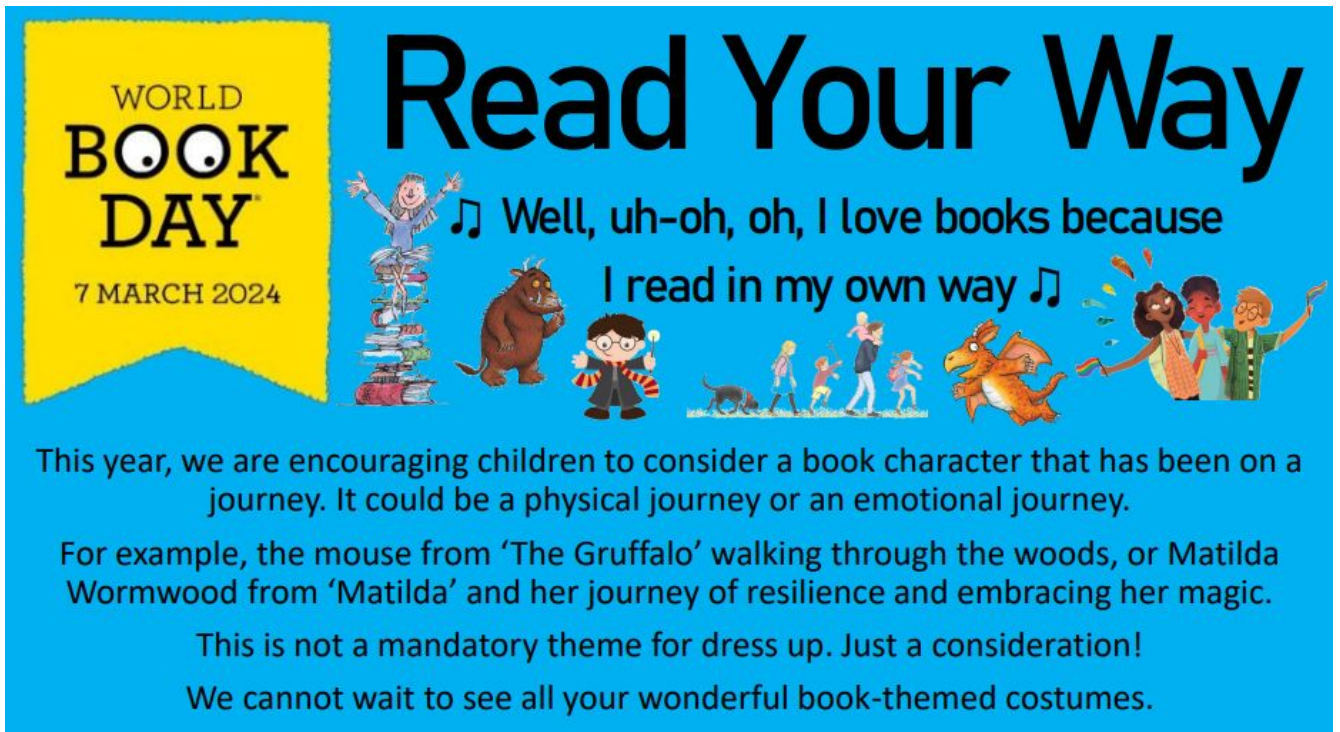
## Important Dates

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



**How many animals are in the Lunar/Chinese New Year Story?**

**Which animal is this Lunar New Year named after?**

**Who won the race across the river?**

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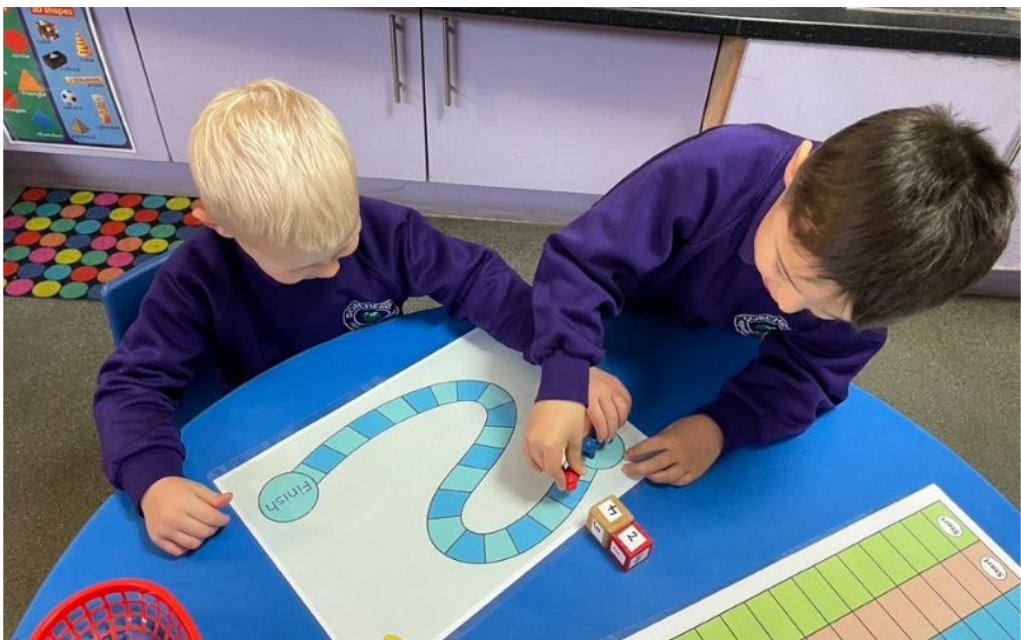
Both classes have really enjoyed mystery reader this week!  
What did you like about the stories you heard?



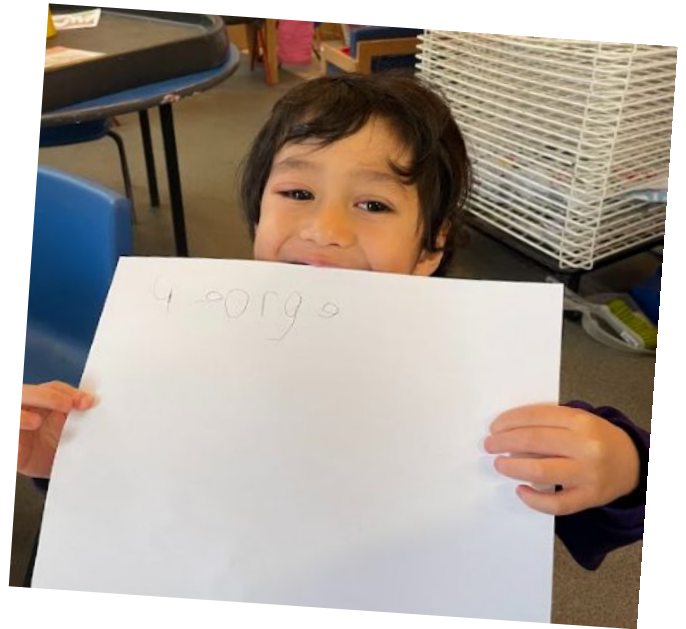
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Racing to the finish line by throwing two dice and adding the numbers together before moving your piece forward.



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What did you draw in Drawing Club this week? What special passcode and password did you write?





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We made our own class dragons! We also visited Year 2 who were celebrating Lunar New Year today.

