

# Reception NEWSLETTER

## Spring 1 Term:

Wow, what a term! This half-term, our topic has been 'Amazing Planet.' The children have worked incredibly hard this half term, not only learning about one aspect of our 'Amazing Planet' but two! We have taken ourselves on an adventure across the world, not only spending time in the Amazon Rainforest but the Arctic too. We have covered all aspects from the Australian outback to our own village of Ackworth.

Next term, our topic is 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'. Our topic is based around growing, plants and flowers. We'll be spending lots of time in our outside area, making observations and discussing all things nature.

## Words of the Week:

Every week, we introduce the children to a new word that might be unfamiliar to them. We go over definitions, synonyms, look at pictures related to that picture and try to use it as often as we can. Please try and use these words at home with your child.

Week 1: Nature

Week 2: Nutritious

Week 3: Instructions

Week 4: Information

Week 5: Author

Week 6: Artificial

## In Maths:

Next term in Maths, we will be beginning to look at addition, subtraction and number bonds to 10. The children will be becoming secure in the different ways to make 10 using a part whole model, counting on from a number and taking away by counting backwards. Our Maths lessons are very practical, we use counters, cubes, compare bears and other objects to help.

## To support your child at home you could:

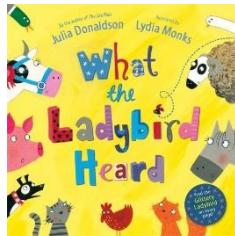
Encourage them to add different amounts of toys together, how many are there altogether?

Count things around the house – can they pick up various amounts of toys? Ensure that they are confident and secure with recognising and writing numerals 1-10.

## Our Class Book and Author is:

'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia

Donaldson. We make sure we share a story at least twice a day. We read lots of others but this book will be what many of our literacy lessons are based on and look at in depth. We will learn about the authors and look at other books they have written.



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## Phonics and Reading:

The children have worked so hard in Phonics this half term and the results have really shown how hard the children are working. Last week, the children were re-assessed and we are so proud, they are assessing higher than the average in both writing and reading. Your child will now be coming home with a reading book or a ditty sheet that is based upon their phonics group and reading level. Please make sure that your child is reading to you.

We now have a reading system in place. If your child reads three times a week, please write it in their yellow reading record book. If your child reads three or more times in a week, they will be entered into a prize draw that will be picked at the end of each half-term.

## Reminders:

- Please ensure that everything that your child brings to school is labelled, this avoids belongings going missing.
- Children need to bring their full indoor and outdoor PE kit every Monday and leave it at school until Friday.  
**Sunflowers have PE on Thursday mornings and Daffodils have PE on Friday mornings.**
- Please ensure that your child brings spare clothes to school in case they have an accident.

Thank you for your ongoing support, please speak to us at the gate or ring the school office if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a lovely half-term.

The Early Years Team.