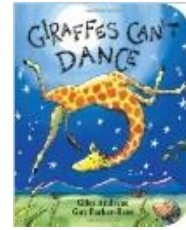




Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 26.01.26

**Term 3 topic- What happens in our world?
Our story of the week- 'Giraffes Can't Dance'**



Personal, Social and Emotional Development- We continue to look out for each other, working as a team in our classrooms and working in pairs carrying out learning activities and discussions on the carpet. Our learning muscles are really helping us become independent confident learners.

We know if we set our minds to something we want to be better at, keep trying and do not give up – we can achieve anything! We talked about how Gerald the giraffe from our story this week did not give up on his goal of dancing, even though others said he couldn't do it. We talked about using positive and supportive language to encourage our friends – we can say, "you can do it," we can say, "don't give up!"

Communication and Language- We have really enjoyed class discussions this week and have listened to our friends' thoughts and ideas. We have had some lovely discussions about jungles, the animals that live in them and what it is like in the jungle. Ask us about the animals that live in the jungle. We are always excited to hear what the weekend bears have been up to.

Physical Development- We are enjoying our outside time in all weathers, especially when we are wrapped up in appropriate clothing. We were very excited to watch clips of people doing the same dances as in our book. Once we had watched the clips we had a go at doing the tango, a Scottish reel, a cha cha cha, a waltz and even some rock and roll! Why not put on some tunes and dance about together at home. We have been exploring lots of different malleable materials this week, such as playdough, and have pinched pegs onto animal bodies and done a threading activity. We also have a multitude of activities around the class and outside which help develop our fine motor skills.

Literacy- We have really enjoyed reading the story 'Giraffes Can't Dance', a class favourite. We know there are different ways of finding out information, for example about giraffes. The children suggested reading an information book, visiting the place, going to the library or asking a grown-up. Phonics and reading in our groups are going well, and the children are trying really hard. We will be assessing the children's new learning in phonics in the coming weeks so please practise at home. Home reading practice is so important! Please remember to read books / ditties or practise your sound recognition book daily. Remember to note down what you have read / practised.

Mathematics- This week we have been counting up to 20, up to 10 and back down to 0, recognising numbers to 20, showing amounts on our fingers and also recognising the number of dots without counting them. We have been exploring the composition of numbers 6 and 7 and we know that 6 is 5 and one more. 7 is 5 and 2 more. We have also been looking at and describing the patterns of dots on a die, for example, there



are two dots at the top and two at the bottom and one dot in the middle. It makes a square.

Understanding the World- Learning about our world is so exciting. We have learnt about jungles and looked at pictures of the animals that live in them. We know one of the ways we can find out information is by watching clips or using information books. We are very confident using the interactive whiteboard on various programmes.

Expressive Arts and Design- We have been very creative on the art table this week. We have made hand print giraffes, finger print giraffes and used pastels to represent the different patterns on animal fur. We are loving our role play areas. I wonder what they will become next term! Our making stations are always busy so if you have any interesting packaging, paper, craft resources, please save it for us and bring it in to school. Small boxes are always appreciated. Thank you.

Check out any new photographs from this term on the school website...

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Supporting learning at home

- Find some household objects – can you make groups of 6 and 7?
- Can you remember all the ways to make 5?
- Practise writing down numbers to 10 / 20 and beyond.
- Look up a Child friendly jungle clip together on a computer, tablet or phone.
- Get the family moving! Look up BBC Supermovers, 'I believe' with Naomi and GoNoodle! They are great fun!
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Reading Tip

Use your finger or a lolly stick to...

- point to sounds for your child to read
- Point to sounds in decodable words and say the sounds for your child to blend c-a-t
- Point to sounds and ask your child to say the sounds and blend them together to read the words eg c-a-t, w-e-n-t, j-u-m-p

Notes for week beginning 2.01.26

- School finishes for half term at 3.15pm on Friday 13th February and begins on Monday 23rd February.
- Book bags, water bottles and PE kits in school every day please.
- Wednesday 4th February is Rock Stars and Numbot Day, so please dress up as a rock star or a robot.
- There will also be a Book Fair in the hall after school on Wednesday 4th February.

Have a lovely weekend!