

# Oasis Academy Ryelands Reception Class Weekly

## Newsletter

07.03.2022-11.03.2022

### Important Information/Reminders

- The children will be taking home a library book every Friday. Please can you ensure your child has their reading record and book bag in school so they can take one home.
- Children are also given a phonics book, every week, to practice reading at home. This book is also expected to be brought back on Fridays to be changed for a different one.
- Milk is provided free until the age of 5, at which point it can be purchased at a small price. However, all children must be signed up to receive milk from the <https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/>. Only children who have been signed up will receive milk in school.
- Hair accessories, clips and hair bands must be the school colours, blue, black or white.
- Please ensure PE kits are in school every Friday and items are named.
- ***Please ensure that your child wears age-appropriate school shoes. The shoes must be black, with a black sole. Also, it is advisable that they have Velcro rather than laces, unless your child can tie the laces by themselves. In Early Years, we are working on building the children's independence in getting changed by themselves.***

### **Red Nose Day**

On **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March** we celebrate Red Nose Day and raise money for Comic Relief. Children are invited to wear Red on the day and donate £1. It can be one item or head to toes in Red! Red noses are also available for sale in school. If you would like to purchase one, please leave the exact money with the class teacher. Raffle tickets will be out for sale in the infant playground, on Wednesday. They cost 20p each and they give children the chance to win a jar of goodies.

**Lego competition-** Comic Relief have teamed up with the LEGO® Group to challenge pupils to create a habitat for their favourite animal-themed Red Nose. Children can use LEGO® bricks or paper and pencils or paint for the designs.

The creations must be brought into school by **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of April**. Entries will be judged on creativity, fun and understanding of animal habitats. The best 3 habitats will receive a prize and will be photographed to take part in the competition for the chance to win £2500 worth of Lego bricks for the school. The winners will be decided in the last assembly before the Easter break.

### Stars of the Week



Robin's Star of the Week is **Israel** for being joyful. Israel has had a great time in school this week, coming in very happy and enjoying every learning activity. Well done, Israel!

Wren's Star of the Week is **Khanak** for being Hopeful. Khanak is a lovely member of the class and a real role model to her peers. She has made fantastic progress in all areas of learning and continues to impress us every day.

Well done, Khanak!



### Communication, Language and Literacy, Personal, Social and Emotional Development and Physical Development, Literacy, Maths, Understanding the World, Expressive Arts and Design

Our topic this week was "In the Jungle". The children were excited to learn about different animals that live in the jungle, their habitat and their diet. They went on a virtual visit to Chester Zoo and discussed which animals would make good pets and how they would care for them. On Friday, they on an imaginative walk through the jungle. They wrote lists of the things they would take with them and talked about what they might see or hear in the jungle.

In Write Away, the children in Blue Group impressed us with their fantastic progress in writing. They listened to the story Dear Zoo and wrote their own letters to the zoo asking for a pet. They wrote sentences about the animals' diet using words as herbivore, carnivore or omnivore and sentences describing the animals' habitat. Some of the sentences were: "The camel lives in the hot and dry desert." "The giraffe eats leaves from the top of the trees" and "The tiger is a carnivore."

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The Green Group children have been encouraged to write simple sentences as: "The tiger eats meat" and "The horse eat grass".

All children have been looking at this week's tricky words for early morning work. This week's words have been: **my, they, for, going, was.**

In our Maths carpet sessions, we continued to learn numbers to 20 and doubling numbers. The children also continued to practice number formation and adding and subtracting two single digit numbers.



In Phonics, **Miss Oh No Group** have been learning Miss Oh No sound "oa". They have been reading the story of Cinderella which has introduced them to words such as soap, coat, coach and toad.

In **Cool Blue Group**, the children have been learning the Black Cat sound "or". They have been reading the story of Hansel and Gretel which has introduced them to words such as torn, fork, torch, horn and worn.

The **HFW** learnt this week are **my, they, for, going, was.** Each morning, the children practiced writing these words, and sentences with the words. Please practice these at home.

**Weekend Activities:** In preparation for our next topic, "Mini bugs", you can try and build a bug hotel using natural resources of your choice: twigs, leaves, conkers, etc.

**For this week's Monster Phonics Story- login and read the story**

Recap the sounds you have learnt so far using this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mRoFpvC0yn0>

Or visiting YouTube

and searching Pure Speech Sounds Monster Phonics.

