

# Oasis Academy Ryelands Reception Class Weekly Newsletter

15/1/2024 to 19/1/2024

## Dates-

**Parents Evening- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January-** Please book a 10-minute slot, via MCAS, to meet with your child's class teacher.

**FoR Valentines Disco- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February-** Early years need adults to attend with the kids, 3.30-4.15pm. Juniors can attend unaccompanied but must be collected at the end. 4.15-5pm Hot dogs and drinks will be served, so bring your cash along! We need more chaperones for this event so get in touch if you can volunteer. We have a DJ booked! £1 entry fee minimum donation per family.

## Information-

- As more and more of our children become early readers, we will be sending home book banded phonics books for the children to enjoy at home. Please enjoy these stories, focusing on the children's segmenting (breaking words down into sounds) and blending skills (blending the sounds together to read the word).
- Hair accessories, clips and hair bands must be the school colours, blue, black or white.

## Oasis 9 Habits Star of the Week

**Compassionate, Self-Controlled, Joyful, Forgiving, Patient, Humble, Honest, Considerate and Hopeful.**

- \* This week the Star of the Week in Robin Class is **Xara** for being **Joyful**. Xara has shown great enthusiasm for learning this week. She has engaged well in all areas of the provision and has impressed the adults with her writing in independent tasks and in Write Away. Well done, Xara!
- \* This week the Star of the Week in Wren Class is **Sariah** for being **Hopeful**. Sariah is a lovely member of Wren class, always kind, polite and friendly towards everyone. She has a great attitude to learning and has impressed us with her progress in writing. Well done, Sariah!

## Spring 1

### Curious Question.

*I've learnt about other people, has the world always been like this?*

### Our Learning Journey

In Reception, this week's topic has been Dinosaurs. The children travelled back in time to learn about what the world was like when the dinosaurs roamed the Earth. They learnt about different types of dinosaurs and their characteristics. The children enjoyed learning about the Mesozoic Era, which consisted of the Triassic period, the Jurassic period and the Cretaceous period. On Tuesday, an egg appeared in the classroom and after a lengthy investigation, the children concluded that it must be a dinosaur egg! They made a good plan of how to look after the egg and keep it safe, but strangely on Wednesday, the egg mysteriously disappeared overnight. Photo and video evidence showed that the egg hatched overnight and there was a baby dinosaur roaming around the school. We spent time following clues around school, which led us to the infant and junior playground, where we believe the dinosaur made his escape, into South Norwood.

In Maths, the children we have continued to consolidate our learning of numbers to 6. We have looked at partitioning and sharing qualities equally.

In Write Away, the children wrote sentences around the dinosaur topic and impressed the

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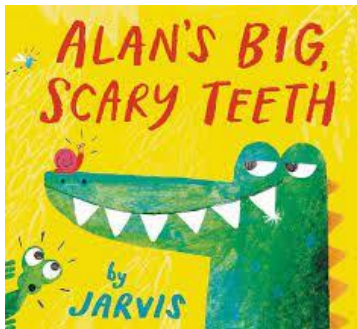
adults with their great use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

On Thursday, they enjoyed the weekly musical bumps session where they learnt to keep the beat and the rhythm using a range of musical instruments.



### Phonics

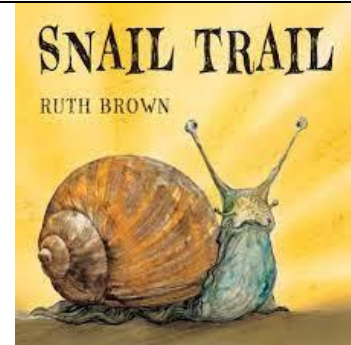
This week we have begun teaching Phase 3 digraphs, **th**, **ng** and **ai**. We also introduced the children to the high-flying word, **be**.



th



ng



ai

### Home learning

Can you explore different ways of making numbers to 6? You could use your car toys or pasta shells, from the kitchen, to help you represent your answer.

For example:

$$3 + 1 = 4$$

