

# Oasis Academy Ryelands Reception Class Weekly

## Newsletter

22/1/2024 to 26/1/2024

### Dates-

**Reception- Castles and Knights, Kings and Queens dressing up day- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February-** to celebrate our learning these past 2 weeks, we would like the children to come to school in their best themed costume. These can be homemade, or shop bought. We look forward to seeing the children dressed up!

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February- Express yourself mufti day-** £1 donation to Place2Be charity. In celebration of Children's Mental Health week.

**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.

**End of Reception GLD Parent Meeting- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February- 9am-** Join Mrs Carew to find out about the end of Reception Early Years expectations and goals.

### 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 **Polly** for being **Joyful**. Polly has shown great enthusiasm this week for her learning. She has bounced into class each morning and loved sharing her ideas during carpet time. She has been a fantastic role model for her peers. Well done, Polly!
- \* This week the Star of the Week in Wren Class is **Leela** for being **Joyful**. Leela is a lovely member of Wren class and a good friend to everyone. Leela has impressed us with her love for learning and her determination to write independently using the sounds she has learnt. Well done, Leela!

### Goodbye and Good luck Miss Thomas

Miss Thomas has come to the end of her placement with us in Robin Class. We are sure you will join us in wishing her all the best in the future, in completing her PGCE course and with her own class next year.

### Spring 1

#### Curious Question.

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

### Our Learning Journey

This week in Reception, our topic has been Castles and Knights, focusing on Kings and Queens. The children have been learning about past UK monarchs and the features of a

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castle. The children have loved learning about the late Queen Elizabeth II and our current King, King Charles III. The children loved the BBC horrible histories song about past monarchs- [www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/watch/monarchs-song-2023](http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/watch/monarchs-song-2023)

They enjoyed various creative activities around this topic, such as designing their own crowns and castles and turning themselves into a King or Queen.

In Write away, the children practised writing simple words and sentences using the sounds they have learnt. Including the 7 digraphs, they have learnt over the past few weeks.

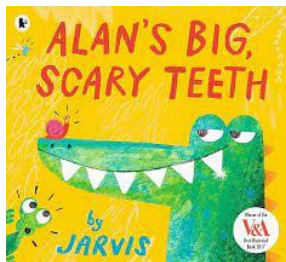
In Maths, the children have been introduced to seven and practised partitioning using a range of concrete manipulative.

In PE, the children developed their movement skills. Exploring different ways of moving and making shapes using their bodies, focusing on 1, 2 and 3 point balance.



### Phonics

This week we have begun teaching Phase 3 digraphs, **ee** and **igh**. We also introduced the children to the high flying words, **be** and **you**.



ee

igh

### Home learning

Use the internet to find out some fun facts about a castle in the UK.

There are lots of cool castles around the country, locally there is Rochester Castle and Dover Castle.

Can you find out what features these castles have? E.g. do they have a moat?

