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*Coming up Next Week...29/04/2024*

*Learning in school:*

**Topic: Let's explore our planet**

**This half term we will be learning about our planet. We will be looking at our local environment, and then comparing, and contrasting our local environment with other countries.**

This week we will be continuing our learning about penguins and learning about Antarctica. We will be receiving a postcard from a research station and looking at what it would be like to live there. The children then will be writing their own postcards.

*Phonics:*

This week we will be focusing on reading and writing CCVCC words, for example, sting (s-t-i-ng) grand (g-r-a-n-d) squelch (s-qu-e-l-ch). The tricky words we will be learning are 'were', 'here', 'little', 'says'.

*Maths:*

This week in maths we are looking at 'how many now?'. We will be using the language 'first, then, now' to tell simple number stories to practise adding more. We will then be using the same language to tell simple stories where the 'then' part is missing. For example, "There were 5 children on the bus, then we don't know how many got off, but now there are 2 children. How many children got off the bus?"

*Additional notes and reminders*

New Homework

The children will now receive sound sheets and a writing focus activity each week.

To support your child with their writing activity, please first ask your child to orally tell you a sentence about the picture. When you have orally rehearsed the sentence a few times, ask your child to write it down. Remind them to use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. Please encourage them to sound out phonetically plausible words rather than giving them the spelling.

Please don't worry if your child is not yet writing sentences, we are working on this at school. Building their confidence is the best way to start so using their sounds and letter formation would be our focus for now.  
Speak to your class teacher if you have any concerns or questions.



Library slots have returned to normal:

Jellyfish- Monday  
Turtles- Tuesday  
Starfish- Thursday

All three classes now have PE on a Wednesday again.

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*Please note that as the week progresses it is sometimes necessary to change what is planned to meet the learning needs of the children and therefore changes to the above may occur.*