

# Reception Newsletter



Friday 8th May 2026

## Our school values

### We promise to be...

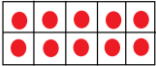
**Respectful** (look after everyone and everything), **Thoughtful and Caring** (be kind, listen to others and use good manners), **Friendly** (share, play together and be happy), **Enthusiastic** (be excited learners)

### This week

**Understanding the world** We have been very curious about our tadpoles this week and everyone has enjoyed observing them in our investigation area. We have learnt so much already e.g about their bodies and labelling the different parts. We have learnt tadpoles breathe through gills, they have teeth to eat and their strong tails help them swim. We have been asking lots of questions too that we would like to find out.

We have also been finding out about David Attenborough- who he is and what he has done in his life which is a lot! The children all think he is amazing for making so many programmes about different animals and they have enjoyed watching some clips from some of them. The children are fascinated it is his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday!

**In maths** – we have been talking about the number 10 and using a ten frame to help with our maths skills



If the children see it is full they know they have 10. We talked about if there is one gap then they know there is 9 and so on.

**Handwriting**- We have been practising our letter formation in groups. This week we have been forming our one o'clock letters- c, o, a, d, g, q, f, s

**Phonics** – Please keep on practising the sounds that have been sent home in the phonics folders, even if they seem to already know most of them. Don't forget to practise Harder to Read and Spell Words too! If you children are very confident at recognising them, they may wish to try and write them too.

*Please do add any writing the children do at home to their tapestry!*

### At home

The children have loved learning more about the fabulous David Attenborough for his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

You might like to watch any of his wonderful documentaries with your child.

### Important dates

**21<sup>st</sup> May**- class photos

### Other bits:

**READING** – Please ensure that your child is reading their phased **school reading book** on **at least 3** separate occasions throughout the week. We ask that you could recording this in their reading record and return to school on a Thursday. This is **vital** to your child's reading development and to help embed the skills that have been taught at school. Thank you for your continued support!

### Routines

**Library books** in and out on a **Tuesday**

**Phonics folders** – back into school on a **Wednesday** and home on a **Friday**

**Reading books** to be returned to school on **Thursday** New book sent home on **Friday**.

Please sign our child's reading record to show us that the book is finished

*\*\* words in red are new **vocabulary** that we have taught the children. Use this vocabulary at home to support your child's language development\*\**