

Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 02.01.23

Term 3 topic- What happens in our world?
Our theme this week is saying thank you.



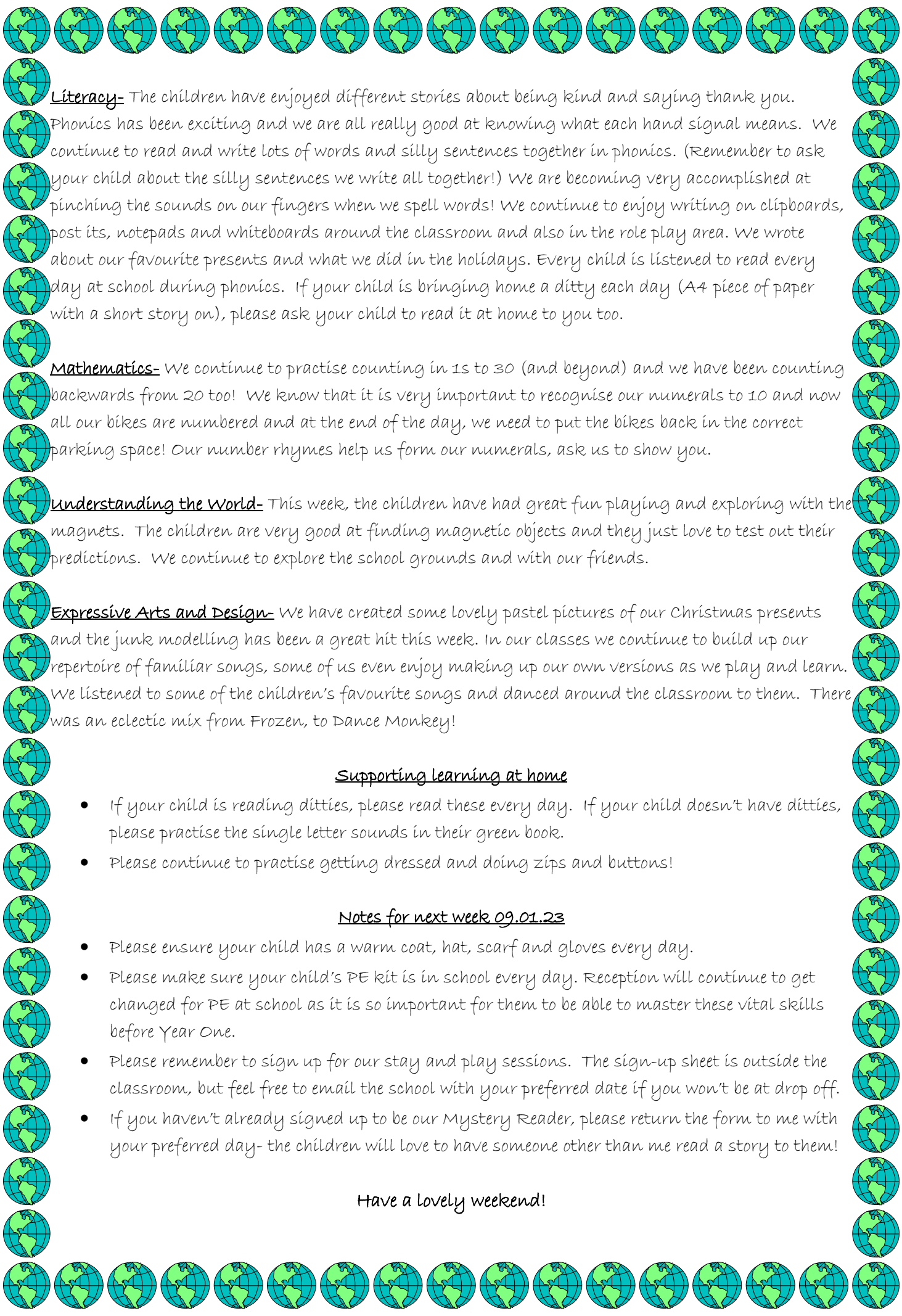
Happy New Year!

What an exciting start to the term we have had! Please read on and find out what we have been doing since we came back after the holidays!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development- As always, we look out for each other and work as a team. We continue to try to stick to the Golden Rules of our class and try to put as many pebbles in the jar so we can all enjoy a treat when our jar is full. We discussed the importance of saying thank you and why and when we use it. We continue to enjoy our jigsaw sessions. This week we listened to the chime in Calm Me time and chatted about things that challenge us or we find hard to do. We know we keep going and try our best even if we find something tricky.

Communication and Language- We are becoming more confident in speaking in front of our friends and our teachers. It was lovely to hear all about everyone's holiday last week. We have loved talking about our favourite Christmas presents and have even done some writing about them. We are looking forward to talking more about where we have been in the world and discussing where we would like to go during our 'tell me about' next week.

Physical Development- We have enjoyed keeping warm outside using the climbing equipment and playing ball games on the playground. As always, we exercise our fine motor skills in Reception through a variety of activities. At the malleable table this week we have stretched and cut slime, used tweezers to pick up cheerios and mixed the colours of playdough. The malleable resources, as well as many of the activities in the class, strengthen our fingers to help us become brilliant writers and artists! We have also enjoyed getting back into squiggle while you wiggle - Mrs Mitchell even joined in!



Literacy-

The children have enjoyed different stories about being kind and saying thank you.

Phonics has been exciting and we are all really good at knowing what each hand signal means. We continue to read and write lots of words and silly sentences together in phonics. (Remember to ask your child about the silly sentences we write all together!) We are becoming very accomplished at pinching the sounds on our fingers when we spell words! We continue to enjoy writing on clipboards, post its, notepads and whiteboards around the classroom and also in the role play area. We wrote about our favourite presents and what we did in the holidays. Every child is listened to read every day at school during phonics. If your child is bringing home a ditty each day (A4 piece of paper with a short story on), please ask your child to read it at home to you too.

Mathematics-

We continue to practise counting in 1s to 30 (and beyond) and we have been counting backwards from 20 too! We know that it is very important to recognise our numerals to 10 and now all our bikes are numbered and at the end of the day, we need to put the bikes back in the correct parking space! Our number rhymes help us form our numerals, ask us to show you.

Understanding the World-

This week, the children have had great fun playing and exploring with the magnets. The children are very good at finding magnetic objects and they just love to test out their predictions. We continue to explore the school grounds and with our friends.

Expressive Arts and Design-

We have created some lovely pastel pictures of our Christmas presents and the junk modelling has been a great hit this week. In our classes we continue to build up our repertoire of familiar songs, some of us even enjoy making up our own versions as we play and learn. We listened to some of the children's favourite songs and danced around the classroom to them. There was an eclectic mix from Frozen, to Dance Monkey!

Supporting learning at home

- If your child is reading ditties, please read these every day. If your child doesn't have ditties, please practise the single letter sounds in their green book.
- Please continue to practise getting dressed and doing zips and buttons!

Notes for next week 09.01.23

- Please ensure your child has a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves every day.
- Please make sure your child's PE kit is in school every day. Reception will continue to get changed for PE at school as it is so important for them to be able to master these vital skills before Year One.
- Please remember to sign up for our stay and play sessions. The sign-up sheet is outside the classroom, but feel free to email the school with your preferred date if you won't be at drop off.
- If you haven't already signed up to be our Mystery Reader, please return the form to me with your preferred day- the children will love to have someone other than me read a story to them!

Have a lovely weekend!