

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Phonics:-** We will be assessing all of the children's phonics knowledge taught in Reception including all of the Phase 5 sounds and harder to read and spell words.

**Maths:-** The focus this week will be to continue to develop a deep understanding of numbers to 10, including the composition of each number. Counting to 10 has been a valuable activity in recognising where numbers sit in relation to each other, and building staircase patterns has enabled the children to begin to formulate generalisations about '1 more than/1 less than' relationships.

This week's activities will help children's understanding of numbers and will provide opportunities for further experiences.

This week, we will be:

- comparing by looking, then by matching 1-to-1
- comparing groups of objects that are different sizes/colours/attributes
- showing an understanding that numbers can be split into smaller parts
- showing how to recombine parts to make a whole amount
- showing that some numbers to 10 can be split into 2 equal parts
- knowing that 5 is a key anchor in our number system, from which other numbers may be derived
- beginning to generalise about '1 more than/1 less than' within 10
- developing a sense of magnitude, e.g. knowing that 8 is a lot more than 2, but 4 is only a little bit more than 2

This week's activities are designed to allow ALL the children to practise these key skills and to deepen their sense of number.

**Topic:-** This week, we will continue 'All Creatures Great and Small' topic and our learning will be themed around the story 'Snail and the Whale'. The children will learn about different water habitats and animals which live in the ocean.

**At home you could:-**

- talk about different sea creatures
- talk about different habitats
- Fill in missing numbers in missing number sums

**Diary Dates:-**

Monday 10th July - 2.30 pm Drama Tree Performance to parents of children who attend Drama Tree

Wednesday 12th July - 10.15 am Rock Steady Concert - Invitations sent to parents directly from Rock Steady

Friday 14th July - Annual End of Year Reports home today

Wednesday 19th July - 10.15 am Rock Steady Concert - Invitations sent to parents directly from Rock Steady

Wednesday 19th July - After school - designated time for parents to meet with teachers regarding reports.

Thursday 20th July- Reception end of year party- children can wear their own clothes.

Friday 21st July - End of Summer Term Early Finish **Goslings - 1:00 Duckling - 1:05 Cygnets - 1:10**

**Reading at home:**

We have been asked to share the weekly reading at home data with you. The information is presented as percentages of each class who are reading 5 times each week. Please see below for the data from last week:

Ducklings	20%	Hedgehogs	40%	Tigers	33%
Cygnets	43%	Foxes	33%	Lions	50%
Goslings	33%	Squirrels	27%	Leopards	20%

**Important notices:**

**Please return all library books this week.** These will be collected in for summer.

**Multi sports sessions** will continue on a Wednesday, including the last week of term.

Thank you  
The Reception Team