

# Reception News

Spring 2 Week 5 – 31st March 2023

## What have we been learning?

- ◆ We LOVED our visit from **Zoo Lab** on Monday morning! We were all so sensible when we were holding the animals & we listened very carefully to Rob when he was telling us about the life cycles of each animal. We saw a corn snake, a tarantula, 2 cockroaches, a tree frog, 2 rats & a Giant African snail - wow!
- ◆ We have been reading “**The Growing Story**” this week and we have been talking about both how we have changed since we were a baby and also what we are able to do now that we couldn’t do when we were a baby. Mrs Short showed us some photos of her when she was a baby, a toddler, a child the same age as we all are now so that we could see how she had changed as she grew up - her hair used to be blonde when she was little!
- ◆ In our Phonics sessions this week looking at words with a **s** word ending. We have been practising reading and writing longer words containing this suffix too (boots**s**, queens**s**, sharks**s**, cooks**s**)...and they are becoming super phonetic spellers!
- ◆ In Maths this week we have been learning about **number bonds to 10**. We talked about how number bonds are pairs of number that are friends which add up to 10. It was a little bit tricky but we are getting there by using our fingers & the Numicon equipment to help us.

Zoo Lab

## Homework

### Literacy

- Reading books, sounds, sight words (“tricky words”) & keep practising the correct formation of letters.
- Complete the phonics sheet in their Yellow Books. Please try to encourage your child to work on this as independently as they can, as this is what we would be asking them to do in school.

### Maths

- **The Days of the Week** - Please can you ask your child to cut out each of the days of the week & then stick them into their Yellow Book in the correct order, using the song to help them. It doesn’t matter whether they start with Sunday, as the song does, or Monday, just as long as they order them correctly. The link for the song can be found on DB Primary, on the “**Jasper’s Beanstalk**” tab on the Reception page or here...

<http://www.viewpure.com/8GKmCQOy88Y?start=0&end=0>

We are continuing to add links to useful websites **DB Primary** too, for example there is a tab with links to Easter websites that your child might like to look at over the holidays.

We hope you have a restful Easter holidays.  
Hopefully the sun will shine so that we can all enjoy the outdoors!