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Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: Monday 6th February 2017

Dear Parents

In assembly this week, Reverend Patrick came to visit and talked to the children about new beginnings, through the idea of day and night, new year's resolutions and Noah's ark. Bird Family meetings focused on sharing ideas about playground games and activities.

Our 'polar regions' topic came to an exciting conclusion this week with our outing to Banham Zoo on Wednesday. We prepared by discussing ways in which we could ensure a safe and happy visit. We had a most enjoyable time, learnt many interesting facts about African penguins and heard about the long migration of Arctic terns from pole to pole. The children had the opportunity to hold a giant African snail and to come face to face with a polar bear skull. We are sure you will enjoy hearing your child's account of their day and sharing the photographs in their 'special books'.

In maths, we have put our knowledge of numbers to practical use by exploring the numbered key on the map of Banham Zoo. The children designed and drew their own maps of a zoo, complete with a key, with a focus on correct numeral formation.

Our zoo maps also provided a spelling and handwriting opportunity as we challenged the children to label the animals on their maps. The children have enjoyed listening to a variety of animal stories and continued to revise phoneme and grapheme recognition.

Our games sessions this week have focused on keeping healthy. The children have discussed various ways to look after their bodies.

Over half term

- You may like to look at maps you have at home, encouraging your child to name any numerals they find.
- Continue to practise reading graphemes and sharing story books. You may like to visit your local library.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day – children may dress up as their favourite book character.

We hope you have a lovely half term break with your children.

With our best wishes from Mrs Alexandre, Miss Knightly, Mrs Laing, Mrs Brown and Mrs Harries

Melanie Harries