

Week Beginning 4.3.24
Our Topic is...
The World Around Us

Next week, we will be learning about...

Topic: The Living Eggs project continues next week and we will watch as the chicks grow and change over the week – it happens very quickly! We will also have the opportunity to stroke or hold the chicks if we want to. We will be continuing our RSE lessons, covering the NSPCC 'Pants Rule' which you have already received a letter about. We will also be thinking about the differences and similarities between male and female bodies, including the agreed names for body parts.

Phonics: We will be consolidating our learning in Phonics this week. We will be reviewing words that have two or more digraphs (a digraph is two letters that make one sound) such as shimmer and pattern. We will also be reviewing the tricky words: **no, of, into, she, he, we**.

Maths: In Maths we will be comparing collections of items found in the classroom and exploring which collection has more, fewer or the same number of items. We will also be watching some Numberblock episodes to help us with learning that a number can be bigger/greater than, smaller/less than or equal to another number and discussing how we know using STEM sentences: 5 is greater than 4, 4 is less than 5, 4 is equal to 4.

How you could help your child:

- Keep practising the Phase 3 phonemes that have been sent home this half term, including practising writing them in the phonics home learning book. You could write some words with these digraphs and trigraphs in to see if your child can read them. E.g. soap, born, chair, hear, night, dark, curl, church, digger, food, look.
- Go on a treasure hunt with your child to find (10 or fewer) items around the home or outside, such as teddies or pebbles. Have a conversation with your child about how many you have each found. Chat about who has found more and who has found fewer items. Ask your child to explain how they know. Example: I have found more teddies than you because 5 is greater than 4.
- Enjoy reading your child's choice book and decodable book with them over the weekend.

Reminders

- **WORLD BOOK DAY: Thursday 7th March.** We would love for your child to dress up in a book themed outfit or wear your pyjamas for the day! Don't forget the creative challenge to create a hat inspired by your favourite book and to bring in donations for the free book fair on Monday.
- **Reading Books:** Please return your child's reading book **and the plastic wallet** on **Monday**. The plastic wallet is to keep the books safe on their journey to and from your home.
- **Choice Books:** Your child will bring a choice book home every Friday, in addition to their decodable phonics reading book. Please return your child's choice book on **Friday**.
- **Woodwork:** Please ensure children with long hair have their hair tied up on their woodwork day: Tigers on Tuesdays, Panthers on Wednesdays and Leopards on Thursdays.

Thank you 😊
The Foundation Stage Team