

Dear Parent / Carer,

In English, we have continued our learning around the poem "Colour" by Christina Rossetti. We recapped the layout of this poem and discussed how each line begins with a question. We then planned and wrote our own version of the poem based on animals you might find at the zoo.

This week in Phonics, we have recapped all of the sounds covered this half term. We have revisited all of the Phase 5 tricky words taught so far. These are the words the children need to be able to sight read. After the Easter break, we will be revisiting lots of the alternative vowel digraph spelling patterns in order to prepare the children for the Phonics Check in June.

This week, we have checked each child individually to see which sounds they know and which sounds they are still practising. We have sent a copy of this record home in each child's reading packet so we can continue working on these sounds together. All scheme books and 50 book challenges have been collected in today, so they can be checked over the holidays.

In indoor PE, we are continuing to learn the three secrets in gymnastics: point, stretch and squeeze. The children have learnt teddy bear rolls, pencil rolls and curled side rolls. In outdoor PE, we are continuing to work on our bat and ball skills.

In CCL, we have focused on the History element of our topic and continued to find out about Captain Scott's race to the South Pole. We sorted old and new items between two base camps and discussed what it might have been like for an explorer in 1912 compared to a modern-day explorer. The children were very intrigued to find out about the differences and to see some of the equipment close up.



### **E-Safety Update**

'Youtube kids' is a popular app used by some of our pupils in Year 1. Please read the advice for parents in the guide attached below the class newsletters to ensure you are keeping your child safe and they are not accessing unsuitable content.

Many Thanks

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