

# Reception Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

Friday 4th February 2022

Last week we read a number of John Burningham stories. In one of the stories we came across the vocabulary 'endangered' animals. This was added to our book vocabulary list displayed in our classroom. Children enjoyed learning this new word and its meaning and if prompted a whole class discussion about animals. Following on from this we explored a variety of non-fiction books learning about endangered animals, what makes an animal endangered, where in the world these animals are and how people can help these animals. We used an atlas to support this learning. We then sorted some of the books we have in our classroom into fiction and non-fiction and spoke about how they are different. Non-fiction books support children in extending their knowledge and gives us information. During story time children are keen to point out if the book we are reading is fiction or non-fiction.

As part of our RE curriculum, one of the topics for this half term is 'Stories Jesus Heard'. This week we read the story of 'Daniel in the Lion's Den'. This was a great conversation starter for children to share a time when they have been brave, why they were brave and how they felt about themselves afterwards. It was also the focus for writing, and encouraged children to use connectives in their writing such as 'and' and 'because' when writing about a time they have been brave.

On Monday when in our outdoor provision children noticed a helium balloon floating in the sky. This excited the children and encouraged that positive interaction with the outside world that the 'Understanding the World' Area of Learning promotes. Within in no time at all children had discussed how the balloon was floating- "It's windy.". "The wind is taking it up and up.", "It's very windy. It's (the balloon) moving fast." This then moved onto other things that fly in the sky and then "Kites!!" Check out our Twitter page for pictures of the kites we made and tested in the windy weather.

Thank you for supporting NSPCC number day. Everyone made the effort wearing numbers and/or patterns and looked fabulous. We had a fun-filled day playing number games, hunting for numbers around school and as always counting at every opportunity and all for a good cause.

Have a lovely weekend

Reception Team