

Term 4 Reception Curriculum Newsletter – Puffins and Swans

This term our topic is 'Come Outside'. Our story focus is 'We're Going on a Lion Hunt' by David Axtell. We will be learning the story and signs to help us tell the story. We will be exploring the vocabulary in the story and thinking of different words we could use to describe the settings.

Here is a link to 'We're Going on a Lion Hunt' -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IS6_UStA3-E&ab_channel=PhilipHood

In Geography we will be exploring how where we live is different to where the story is set in Africa.

In computing we will be exploring floor robots called Bee-Bots. We will be exploring direction and finding out how to program Bee-Bots. This will link to our previous Geography learning about maps.



In science we will be exploring planting and growing, thinking about what plants need to stay alive and naming parts of a plant. We will be looking at information books about insects and finding out about a range of different insects. We will also be learning about what happens in Spring.

In art we will be drawing and painting plants and flowers. We will be learning about how to mix colours. We will be looking at the work of the artist Georgia O'Keefe.

In RE we will be learning about the celebration of Holi and we will be exploring why Easter is important to Christians.



Our music unit this term is 'Music and Movement'. Our PE focus is 'Throwing and Catching'. PE will continue to be on Thursdays and children will need to come to school in their PE kit. Please make sure PE kit is named as we still have several unclaimed PE tops from last term – let us know if you have one missing!

Our Jigsaw (PSHE) topic is 'Healthy Me'. We will be thinking about how we stay healthy, including exercise, rest and sleep, food, teeth brushing, keeping clean, being a safe pedestrian and stranger danger. We will be learning more about the people who help us to stay healthy for example doctors, nurses and dentists.

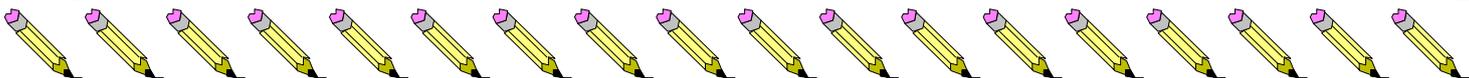
We will also be continuing with our daily phonics and maths sessions, listening to a range of stories, information books, poems and rhymes. We have 2 new poems to learn which we will share with you.

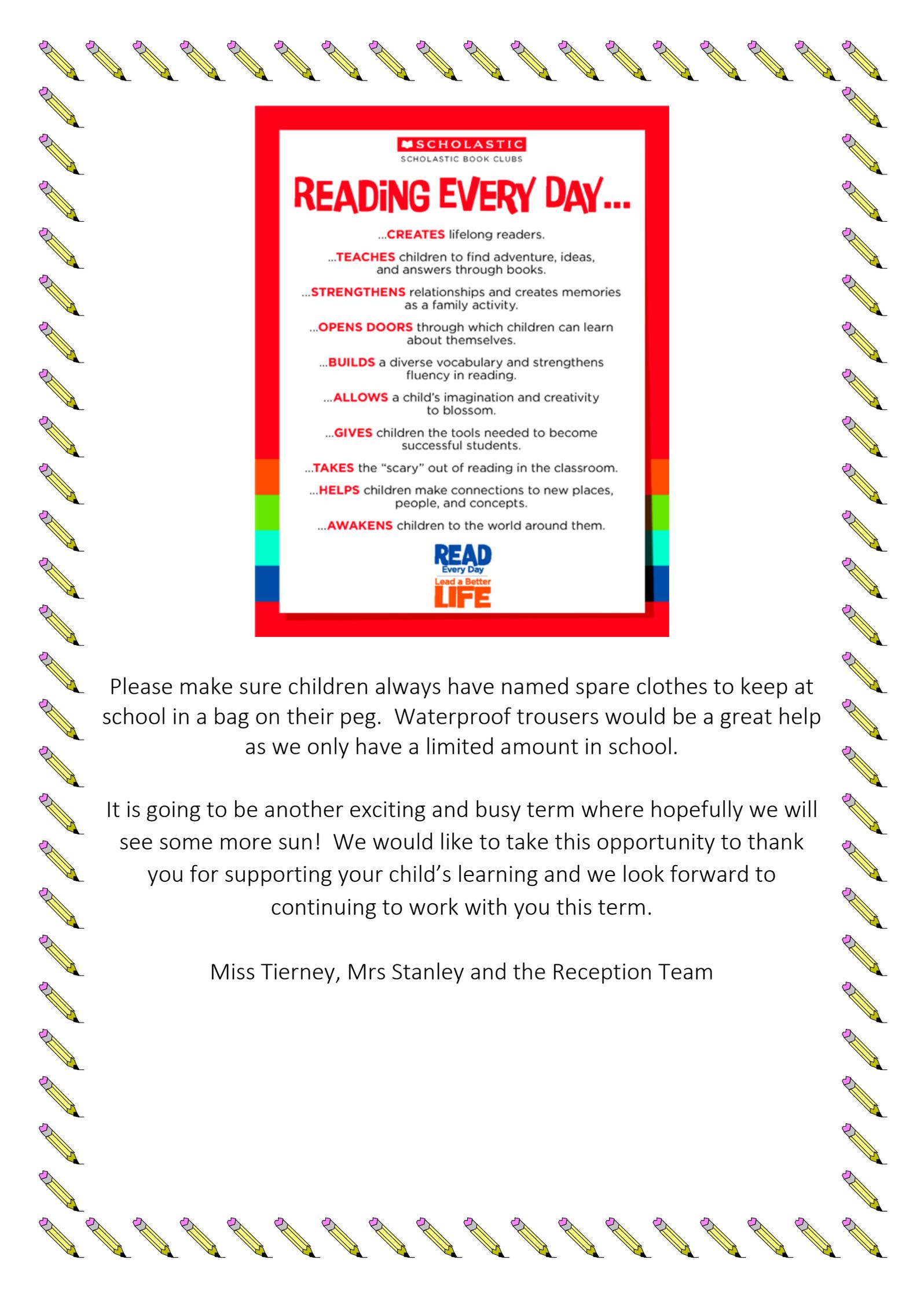
You will know from the information we have sent home that in phonics, the children have been learning digraphs (2 letters that make 1 sound such as sh) and trigraphs (3 letters that make 1 sound such as igh). These digraphs and trigraphs feature in the children's reading books. Our main focus this term is to help children use these in their reading and writing.

Here is the link to saying phonemes (sounds) correctly

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTe5_Em0BHQ&ab_channel=LettersandSoundsforHomeandSchool

You can help with this by reading daily with your child at home. Daily reading is one of the most important things you can do to support your children's learning and development. The aim is when they spot a di/trigraph in a word they recognise it, for example reading 'sheep' as sh-ee-p rather than s-h-e-e-p, 'fright' as f-r-igh-t rather than f-r-i-g-h-t. If you are not reading regularly at home your child will not be making the progress they need to be in their reading. If you need some help or advice about reading at home, please come to speak us to make an appointment to chat about it.





SCHOLASTIC
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUBS

READING EVERY DAY...

- ...**CREATES** lifelong readers.
- ...**TEACHES** children to find adventure, ideas, and answers through books.
- ...**STRENGTHENS** relationships and creates memories as a family activity.
- ...**OPENS DOORS** through which children can learn about themselves.
- ...**BUILDS** a diverse vocabulary and strengthens fluency in reading.
- ...**ALLOWS** a child's imagination and creativity to blossom.
- ...**GIVES** children the tools needed to become successful students.
- ...**TAKES** the "scary" out of reading in the classroom.
- ...**HELPS** children make connections to new places, people, and concepts.
- ...**AWAKENS** children to the world around them.

READ
Every Day
Lead a Better
LIFE

Please make sure children always have named spare clothes to keep at school in a bag on their peg. Waterproof trousers would be a great help as we only have a limited amount in school.

It is going to be another exciting and busy term where hopefully we will see some more sun! We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting your child's learning and we look forward to continuing to work with you this term.

Miss Tierney, Mrs Stanley and the Reception Team