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Life in the Turtles

We are thrilled with how well the children have settled into Reception. A big thank you for all of your support and encouragement. You can continue to help by encouraging your child to be independent in the mornings and after school by taking care and carrying their own belongings. We will be having a big push on fastening our own coats and helping our friends to do this to. You

can help by practising this at home. Also with winter fast approaching please make sure that all hats, scarfs and gloves are clearly labelled to avoid any mix ups. We will be continuing to work outside in all weathers and although we do have wellies in school, if you want to send a pair of wellies for your child these could be kept under their peg.



Read Write Inc

We are now well through the list of Set 1 sounds in our Read Write Inc phonics sessions and already many of the children have started to use these sounds to read and write simple words. This half term our focus will remain on consolidating these sounds and we will be developing our blending (for reading) and segmenting (for writing) skills. We will also be introducing the children to 'green' and 'red' words. When we read green words we can use our sounding out and blending skills e.g m-a-t mat, whilst red words are 'tricky' words which you can not sound out such as go, the. The children will be introduced to the phrase- "You can't Fred a red." In the next few weeks the children will be bringing home word tubs which will include green and red words to practice and learn at home. You can help by continuing to look at your sounds chart and practice saying and writing the sounds as well as looking at the words in the tub.



Rumble in The Jungle/ It's Christmas!

This half term we will start our new topic Rumble in the Jungle. We will be using stories such as 'Walking through the Jungle', 'Rumble in the Jungle' and 'Handa's Surprise' to introduce the children to the idea of



living in the jungle and what we might find. We will be looking at the animals that you can find in the jungle and the similarities and differences between the animals we can find in Amble. The children will be listening to and making their own African inspired music. We will also introduce the children to the school we have been communicating with in Tanzania and we are hoping to send them a letter and find out a bit more about how their school is different to ours.

You can help by talking to your child about the world and sharing examples/photographs of places you may have visited. Before we know it Christmas will be here and we will be dusted with glitter and singing Christmas carols constantly. We will be learning about why we celebrate Christmas and how different people celebrate this special time of year. You can help by talking to your child about why Christmas is important to your family and how you celebrate.



Maths

Over the next few weeks we will be continuing our work on recognising numerals and working with numbers to 20 and beyond. We will be working practically to solve problems linked to addition and subtraction such as finding 1 more or 1 less. You can help by practising writing numbers using the rhymes included in this weeks homework. Also the children love using the top marks website to play maths games- why not log on. www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting.

Tapestry Thank you for all of the positive feedback about Tapestry we are thrilled by the up take and response from parents and love sharing the children's achievements at home. Please continue to add your observations. If anyone has had any problems logging on, needs a new password or would like support with using Tapestry please ask and we will be happy to help.