



# EYFS News

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022



## What have we been learning?

This week was 'Children's Mental Health Week' where the theme was 'Growing Together'. We talked about what it means to 'grow' and thought about what we can do now that we could not do when we were babies. We read 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and talked about the stages the caterpillar went through. We then talked about emotional growth and how your feelings change as you grow. We also completed some challenges as part of the 'If U Care Share' Challenge 39 campaign. Each day, we talked to a different friend about how we were feeling for 39 seconds. We also did 39 star jumps each day!

On Tuesday it was 'Safer Internet Day'. We read the story of Smartie the Penguin, who was given a new tablet for his birthday, and needed help with lots of different things. We also learnt the song that Smartie's parents teach him: "Before you tap and click, you need to stop and think, and tell someone!" To hear this story, visit [www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin](http://www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin) You could share this story together at home and talk about it.



## PHONICS

### NURSERY

This week our focus story was 'The Enormous Turnip'. We particularly enjoyed acting out the story, changing our voices to become different characters in the story.

### RECEPTION

This week we have learnt the sounds: **ur, ow, oi, ear**. You will find that these sound cards have been put in your child's book bag for you to practise at home. We have also learnt a new tricky word: **you**

## MATHS

### NURSERY

We have been exploring 'sequencing' this week and have focused on key vocabulary such as 'first', 'then', 'next' and 'last'. We had a go at putting some pictures in order, including how to plant and grow a flower.

### RECEPTION



This week we have explored a variety of mathematical concepts including comparing length and height, measuring height, measuring time and exploring the days of the week. We thought about what we do on each day of the week. For example, we always have PE on a Monday. Can you try to learn the days of the week at home? There are many songs that you could use to help you to remember!

## VALENTINE'S CRAFT DAY AND DISCO

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February, we have a very exciting day planned in EYFS! On the morning, we are going to have a craft morning where we will create some lovely crafty things to bring home the next day, on Friday. In the afternoon, we are having our Valentine's disco in the hall. There will be lots of games, dancing and fun! Please note, this will be a **non uniform day**.



### IMPORTANT NOTE FOR NURSERY PARENTS

We do not want any of our Nursery children to miss out so, as a special treat, we are inviting them to stay for the full day if they would like to! This means the children who attend the afternoon session can come to school at 9.00am and stay all day, and the children who attend the morning session can stay until 3.00pm. If you would like your child to do this, please let us know ASAP and provide them with a packed lunch for the day.

## FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Please note, we break up from school for the half term holiday on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February** and do not return until **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022**.