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Reception Newsletter

**Phonics and Literacy**

This week we are looking at the vowel digraphs oo as in moon and oo as in book. It can become tricky for the children to retain all these sounds as we move through the digraphs, so any extra practice at home will really help to reinforce these new sounds. We are going to be looking at the story Mr Wolf’s Pancakes. We are also going to be looking at some non-fiction books about wolves and creating fact files about them.

**Maths**

We have been working on the numbers 6, 7 and 8. We have looked at different ways of organising this amount of objects and talking about how we can spot groups of objects within the group and then thinking about the composition of each number. The White Rose Maths app is free and an excellent way of practising maths skills at home for a few minutes each day to reinforce the skills we have been learning in class.

**Topic**

We are thinking about growing over the coming weeks and how we can grow to be more like Jesus during Lent. We are looking at the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle and creating handprint paintings of caterpillars. We are also thinking about the life cycle of a caterpillar and learning a song about a wriggly caterpillar that turns into a butterfly. In PE we have been continuing to enjoy our dance lessons with Miss Katherine.

**Snack**

Snack money is £6 for this half term or £1 a week. Please send into school if you would like your child to be part of our snack scheme. This week we will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday by having pancakes for snack.

**Homework**

- Please continue to access the Phonics Bug reading books at home. Try to read **three** times a week or every day if possible.

- Can you practise writing the following words: *sheep, rain, feet*, *tail?* Maybe you could also write this sentence: *I got on the train.*

- We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day this week. Could you draw a picture of your favourite book character and bring it into school?

Many thanks, please contact us if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

The Reception Team



