

#### Our Learning Journey



This week we have been continuing to read our story *Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain*. We used instruments and other sounds to make soundscapes for parts of the story, we learned about different animals and where they come from, and we used our phonics skills to write an email to Ki-Pat.



We have learned the sounds l, ll, ff, and ss in phonics and have now finished phase 2! We have been working on sounding out and blending words independently for reading and writing.

In maths we have been working on our knowledge of number, comparing numbers and saying whether they are 'greater / more or less'. We have also been exploring comparing length and height, using the vocabulary 'taller / tallest', 'shorter / shortest', and 'longer / longest'.

#### Our Home Learning

##### Phonics:

Please continue practising the sounds we have learned so far (all sounds are on Tapestry).

##### Reading:

Half of the classes have reading books this week. They have a picture book and a phonics reader. Please share the picture book by reading it to your child. Your child should read the phonics reader themselves with your support. Remind them to use their finger to point to words, sound out and try to blend the word. Ten minutes per day is fine!

##### Maths:

Talk about length and height with your child e.g. measure each family member and compare or talk about length and height in the environment.



#### Our Learning Toolkit

We have been using our Reasoning Learning Tool this week. We have been talking about why animals might live in different countries, comparing the weather and animals needs. We have also been comparing amounts and size in maths.

#### Dates for your Diary

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Assemblies

@ 9am Upper Hall

All Welcome

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov & Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec

Winter Fair

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

3:00pm – 4:30pm



#### Learning Reviews

Reception – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December  
08:45am – 7pm

This is a perfect opportunity for you to spend 15 minutes talking with your child and their teacher about their learning.

You will get the chance to look at your child's books/folders and find out what they enjoy doing at school. Thank you for your continued support – we look forward to seeing you at the learning review. Appointments are available from **08:45am – 7pm** & can be booked through the office.

#### Scientists at Work!



#### Science Workshops

Thank you to all the parents who supported our Science Workshops this week.

This half term we have been focussing on seasons and weather e.g. observing the leaves changing, looking at worms, fungus and other signs of autumn. You can support them by talking about how seasons change and looking at the natural world.

