



# Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019

## Reception

### Learning Journey: Survival

#### Our Learning Journey this half term

This half term the children have loved exploring the text *Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain*. We learned about what it is like to live in Kenya and the children were fascinated by the animals that can be found in Masai Mara and how the weather is important to their survival.



The children have had a fantastic first term in Reception. They are making amazing progress with their phonics and it is wonderful to see how enthusiastic they are to apply their phonics to their play.

In maths they have really enjoyed the mastery approach we have introduced. They are using *Numberblocks* to deepen their understanding of the number system.

#### Holiday Home Learning

To link with our whole school topic of history next term, we will be exploring our own heritage and encouraging the children to think about their family history. Over the holidays please discuss with your child your family history and have a look at any old family photos that you think would be of interest to them.

Please continue to support your child with daily reading and encourage them to apply their phonics regularly. The tricky words we have learnt so far are: *I, the, you, no, go, to, we, me, she, he, my*.

We would also love to see any pictures from the Christmas break that you think your child would enjoy sharing with their class when they return in January.



#### Our Learning Toolkit this half term

Reception have applied their empathy learning tool this term whilst exploring *Halibut Jackson* in order to understand that others don't always feel the same way that we do. They have also been brilliant at Collaborating in their play and working incredible hard as a team to put on a fantastic Christmas performance!

#### Dates for your Diary

##### Holiday Dates

Children return to school: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

##### Half Term

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Children return to school: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

##### Reception & KS1 Celebration Assemblies

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March