



Tiger's newsletter
7th January 2022



Happy New Year to everyone. We hope you all had a lovely break and would like to start by saying a big thank you for all our lovely cards and presents; we feel appreciated and are very grateful!

Our topic this half term is 'All Creatures Great and Small' and our first story is 'The Really Really Really Big Dinosaur', by Richard Byrne. It is about sharing and is available to watch on Youtube if you want to listen again at home:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yuZgB865oMA>

Our key words (from the book) are **sharing, imaginary, believe, promise, rude, friendly, belong, bravely, grabbed** and **wait**. We have been talking a lot about waiting and how we need to wait in lots of different situations. One of the early learning goals for children in reception is to learn how to self-regulate. This means that children can tolerate delay when their needs are not met immediately and to understand that their wishes may not always be met. Please encourage this at home when you can as it is an important lesson needed to develop good relationships with others and is a valuable life skill.

This half term, we will also be focusing on forming letters correctly. We have planned lots of activities to develop and strengthen the gross (big) and fine (small) movements, which are essential for children to be able to write effectively. This week we have learned to scrunch paper as small as we can, to cut along and around lines and to use small brushes to gently brush sand to find dinosaur fossils.

Outdoor learning will still happen each day (unless the weather is too extreme!) so please ensure children have the correct clothing. Please send in gloves and hats and possibly a scarf and please ensure children have a warm, waterproof coat each day.

Thank you to everyone who sent an email or a letter so we know your child completed their holiday challenge. We have seen some great turn taking already, which is another learning goal for reception and another valuable life skill. Please let us know if you haven't already, so that we can update your child's passport.

Please find attached a sheet with a star for you to complete at home. Please fill in and return by Wednesday 12th January.

If you want to share anything your child has done at home or if you have any questions, email us on our tiger class e-mail - leebrigggtigers@watertonacademytrust.org.

From Mrs Tutt, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Guppy, Mrs Greaves and Miss Taylor (The reception team)