

## Tiger's newsletter 13th January 2023



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'. The children were super excited when they came in to find a dinosaur egg and are really enjoying learning about dinosaurs! We used the website 'DK Findout' to learn more about different types of dinosaurs – why not have a look at home? There are lots of facts about dinosaurs and it is a very child friendly site.

We read the story of Flapjack and Waddle; a story about 2 penguins who live at the South Pole. The children have enjoyed retelling the story and are enjoying learning about animals who live in colder climates.

This half term in reading, we are focussing on reading tricky words and reading sentences. You can help with this by practising at home. Please practise tricky word keyrings as often as possible at home. You can take them off and mix them up – they can be in any order. When you are reading with your child, please encourage them to build up the sentences as they read. For example: The, The dog, The dog is, The dog is big. Then ask your child to reread the sentence 2 or 3 times to check they can remember what they have said. You may need to model reading it first but, with practise, your child will become more confident with this. We are also practising forming letters correctly. This week we are practising writing one armed robot letters – r, n, m, h, k, b and p. For all these letters, we start at the top and go down then up again.

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.

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 - <a href="leebriggtigers@watertonacademytrust.org">leebriggtigers@watertonacademytrust.org</a>.

From Mrs Tutt, Miss Khan, Mrs Guppy, Mrs Greaves. Miss Hammond, Mrs Goulding and Mrs Woollands (The reception team)