



Tiger's newsletter
20th January 2023



Our story this week 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 discussed 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. We have also been practising taking turns which is another learning goal for reception and another valuable life skill. Please let us know when your child has taken turns whilst playing a game, so that we can update your child's passport.

We are enjoying learning about dinosaurs and we now know 'The Dino Dance' (available on youtube). We painted and learned to draw dinosaurs and made dinosaurs with moving parts, using split pins to attach them. We practised 'scrunching' paper to make collage dinosaurs and made dinosaur headbands. All of these activities help develop our physical and our creative skills. We hunted for dinosaur footprints with words and read them to a friend. We practised writing simple sentences to describe dinosaurs and used 'DK Findout' to research different types of dinosaurs. Did you know a pteranodon was as long as our classroom and the tyrannosaurus rex was as long as a bus? The children enjoyed learning these facts and if you want to learn more about dinosaurs, why not have a look at: <https://www.dkfindout.com>. We use the rhyme "Before you tap and click, you need to stop and think and tell someone." We use this rhyme everytime we use the internet to help keep us safe online.

In phonics, some children learned ch and sh and some learned ai, ee and igh. We have also learned more tricky words. More phonemes and words will be added to key rings for you to practise at home.

The children have enjoyed exploring the ice and frost this week. They worked together to free the animals who were stuck in the ice, to make an ice/slushy shop and to see how much ice they could carry! Outdoor learning will still happen each day (unless the weather is too extreme!) so please ensure children have appropriate clothing including gloves, hats and scarves as well as a warm coat. Please ensure they are all named!

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 - leebriggigtigers@watertonacademytrust.org.

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