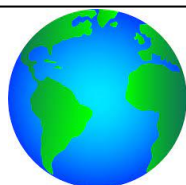




# Reception News



13th March 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, as part of our **Big Wide World** topic, we will be visiting Ghana. We are looking forward to exploring Ghanaian music and stories. We will be learning about different places within Ghana, looking at the languages spoken there and comparing how different school is for children in Ghana. We will learn about the different animals, climate and way of life children in Ghana experience and how that compares with our own.



We will use the vocabulary - **equator, mountains, coastline, savannah, rainforest, map, globe.**

**Phonics:** We will be working on words ending in -ing (e.g. *zooming, singing*) and compound words such as 'rooftop', 'popcorn'.

Please continue to practise these digraphs and trigraphs at home:

**ai/ee/igh/oa/oo/oo/ar/or/ur/ow/oi/ear/air/er**

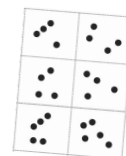


We are revising these tricky words: **he, we, me, be, was, you, they, all**

Please help us by practising reading and writing these words at home and using them in sentences. Please encourage your child to use the tripod grip when holding a pencil.

**Handwriting:** Please practise the formation of those letters already taught (c, o, a, d, g, s, e, q), all of which begin with an anti-clockwise movement. Encourage your child to practise using different media such as paint, chalk or crayons. The anti-clockwise movement is very tricky for children- try practising large anti-clockwise movements and then smaller ones.

**Maths:** We will be developing our subitising skills (recognising small quantities of objects without needing to count them), counting amounts accurately, arranging objects to show different ways to make 10 and ordering numerals. We are encouraging children to explain how they know something- eg. "I know there are 8 on the 10 frame because there are 2 spaces."



Also seeing numbers in their environment or arrangements of objects- egg boxes, pairs of shoes, window panes etc. We will use the vocabulary - **count, point, form, set, group, make, compare, number sequence, altogether, more, fewer, one more, one less, numeral, subitise**

Thank you for your continued support!

The Reception Team