

6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023

Dear Opal Families

The children engaged in and enjoyed our Farm and Country visit on Tuesday. They explored a variety of seeds such as wheat and barley and learnt how flour was made. The farmers amongst the class were able to explain where some meats came from and we had a very deep and meaningful discussion about where milk comes from. Please continue to support the children's knowledge of where our food comes from. We will continue to explore this topic in school.



The children are becoming keen dancers in PE on a Friday and we hope to share this with Jade class this week for Mental Health Week. During our music sessions we continue to use the theme of the Gingerbread man while learning to play the chime bars to a rhythmic beat. The children are beginning to express themselves creatively and use their voices in different ways.

## EXCITING READING INCENTIVE

The children and I have come up with a new incentive to get everyone reading (at home and in school)! Last week some of the children and I were discussing the use of tick charts (in my mind I was already devising a chart for readers!!!). I told them my idea and we all thought of using the children's charts instead –AMAZING! So PLEASE, PLEASE, make use of this and hear your children read at home every night. One of our Opal class RRS representative is going to stand with me outside and tick the chart for every child who has read at home. Once the chart is full the children are expecting ice cream! YES, come on, please make use of this and hear them read – not only are they really excited but empowered to read at home and at school!

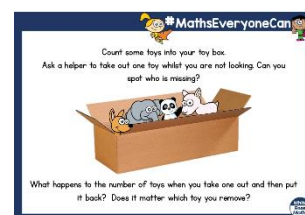
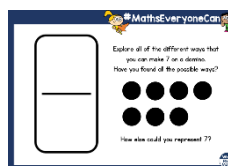
### This week's important dates:

- **Music workshop with Jenny Crow** - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February
- **Mr Chinn PE** – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February
- **Children's Mental Health** –Dress to Express Friday
- **Safer Internet Day** –Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February
- **Return to school after half term** – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February



### Ideas for you at home -Maths

Here are some ideas to support children with their mathematics learning at home. This week we continue to explore how to make 6,7,8 but also look into 'pairs'. What do we mean by 'pairs'?



### Literacy

Last week the children suddenly started writing more and more in their independent play choices throughout the day –I love that when it happens! This week we will harness this energy and become card and speech bubble writers while continuing to use those tricky words, you, to, love, me, the, I

### New Read Write Inc

New sounds this week: **oo (poo at the zoo) oo (look at a book)**

- All set one sounds learnt include: **m a s d t l p n g o c k u b h l f r j v w q u y z x th sh ch nk ng ll ss ff zz ck**
- Set 2 sounds completed so far: **ee ay igh ow ar**

Links to the RWInc site for support with teaching these sounds can be found here:

oo (poo at the zoo) <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/kQRd6idM/eM61ZlXk>

oo (look at a book) <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/bXUY9WBP/oPTOCZEq>

### **Children's Mental Health week**

- Meditation Monday
- Tuesday –Safer Internet Day
- Wednesday – Kindness Ninja Return (joined up learning with Jade class)
- Thursday - Opal are going to perform our special PE dance session to Jade class
- Friday – Dress to Express PE with Jade and Amber class and Mr Ayre - Connection!

Any queries at all please always come and ask!

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