



13th March 2023 OPAL CLASS



Dear Opal Families

We are having so much fun with the story, 'The Tiger Came to Tea'. Although the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum (EYFS) provides the framework and end points for what children could achieve by the end of their school year, the children are the leaders in their education. Please know that everything we do in class has a purpose. Sometimes the 'fun and jollity' might seem pointless to you **BUT** please let me reassure you it is not. In school we have seen a marked improvement in learning and the children certainly are, Engaged, Excited and Excelling in their learning from the point they walk into the classroom to the end of the day. No matter what for, either a personal, social goal to a mathematics or a reading goal, the children are enjoying their learning. So, please, enjoy the children's story telling' and tales about the Tigers and Gingerbread men that come into our classroom and fill the air with excitement and laughter. Allow and **encourage** the children's imaginations to take flight! Let me reassure you this can only be a positive thing! Enjoy the beautiful photographs taken of children welcoming a new member to class (THE tiger), encouraging aspirations (learning about jobs in the world), re-telling stories on stage to mathematics and using their fine motor skills to build igloos!



Parent consultations (sign up now!)

Please sign up to parent consultations now so we can catch up **and celebrate** your child's learning!

This week's key reminders:

- **Music workshop with Jenny Crow** - Monday 13th March (last one with Jenny)
- **Mini-marathon for the Earthquake Appeal** –Tuesday 14th March 2.15pm (ALL welcome)
- **Parent consultations** (Wednesday 28th - Thursday 29th March)
- **Science Week** – 13th March all week
- **Strike days Wednesday** - 22nd Thursday 23rd March

(PE kits to be worn Tuesday and Friday)

EXCITING READING INCENTIVE – record reading bags

The children had their ice cream last week and we continue with this –PLEASE hear your children every day! Any problems with this please see me for extra ideas on how to support with this

Great ideas to support learning at home...

Please refer to all previous newsletters –there are so many great ideas for you take away with you. You can find these on the school website under Opal learning –newsletters. ALSO, practise tricky words below! Thank you!

We continue to learn common exception words like, you, to, me which I will attach also. Please see chart below.

| Week beginning Monday 20/2/23 | Week beginning Monday 27/2/23 | Week beginning Monday 6/3/23 | Week beginning Monday 13/3/23 | Week beginning Monday 20/3/23 | Week beginning Monday 27/3/23 |
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| to you I the love into put | the they he she me we be | by my go no | he me we she be | all are you into they no go | was they put into you all |

Read Write Inc

Weekly focus sounds:

Thank you to everyone who is practising sounds at home. Every little bit of practise at home will influence their progression and little and often is key. [Please see the phonics virtual classroom videos for this week below.](#)

Recommended RWInc virtual videos for you to watch:

ow (blow the snow) <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/1IFGEFNI/UHbARJsF>

oo (poo at the zoo) <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/6JKKFJFv/sw3VqW5Z>

ar (start the car) <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/plnXCAsy/iYt25z8t>

Any queries at all please always come and ask!

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