



# Tormead Prep

## Reception Newsletter



THURSDAY 14 MARCH 2024

The girls were utterly fabulous performing in their Dinosaur Class Assembly this week! I was so proud of each and every one of them. Hopefully you will be able to join us at Open Morning next Tuesday, where we will treat you to a repeat performance. We also enjoyed the Pre-Prep Spring Concert on Thursday afternoon. Rose did an excellent Beacon project on her hamster, Humphrey, and Emma did a brilliant Beacon all about rabbits. It is wonderful to see all the girls shining!

### Our Learning

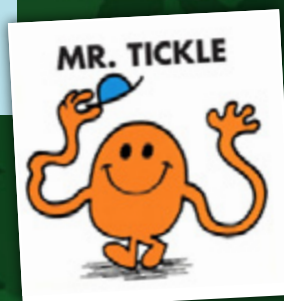
This week we have:

- Looked at longer words and words ending in **-ing**.
- Continued to practise our spelling and handwriting, writing longer sentences with words containing two or more digraphs.
- Explored number bonds to 10.
- Written dinosaur facts in our literacy books and for our dinosaur wall display.
- Been on a spring A-Z hunt around the Senior School, searching for something beginning with each letter of the alphabet.

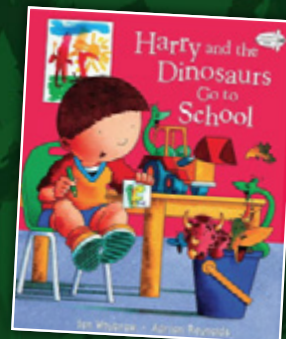
Next week we will:

- Learn that the grapheme 's' can make the /z/ sound within words and at the end of words as a suffix.
- Learn that the suffix '-s' and '-es' can create plurals and the present tense of verbs.
- Recognise and name 3D shapes and find 2D shapes within 3D shapes.
- Identify, copy and continue patterns, as well as looking for patterns in the environment.
- Make chocolate Easter nests in our cooking lesson.
- Create some more wonderful artwork to fill our classroom with colour.
- Say "goodbye" to Victoria as she leaves us to start at a new school after Easter.

Our books of the week:



*Mr Tickle*  
by Roger Hargreaves  
Cate's book for World Book Day,  
and what a fabulous Mr Tickle she was!



*Harry and the Dinosaurs Go to School*  
by Ian Whybrow & Adrian Reynolds  
Read to us by our Sixth Form helpers this week.

# For Your Information

## BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

The whole school will be entering a poster competition based on this year's theme *Time*. A winner will be chosen from each year group including Reception. The girls can also enter the Science selfie competition. Further details of both competitions, along with ideas can be found in the British Science Week letter sent out by Miss Meech.

## RECEPTION OPEN MORNING

On **Tuesday 19 March** we will be hosting an Open Morning for parents/carers to work alongside the girls to create something special for Easter. You will also be invited to the classroom to look at your daughter's books and will have an insight into the learning that takes place in EYFS.

## BEACON PROJECT

If your daughter would like to explore subjects in more depth or find a subject of her own, then she may wish to take part in Tormead's Beacon Project. She will need to undertake research on her chosen topic and

then present this to the class in any form she would like. Mrs Fry will present her with a Beacon passport and sticker, which she will take through the Prep school with her.

### Suggested activities:

- Continue to practise your *dinosaur lines* for next week's Open Morning.
- Make a poster for British Science Week based on the theme *Time*. The deadline for entries is Wednesday.
- Continue to read and share stories at home, exploring a range of different media - can you spot any words ending in **-ing** in your books?
- Continue to investigate how numbers to 10 can be made in different ways.
- Go on a spring walk using your A-Z paper plate which will be sent home on Friday. Fold down the letters when you find something beginning with that letter.













*I wonder what adventures you will have with your family this weekend? Enjoy!*