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The children have been enjoying our Winter topic. Last week, after reading 'One Snowy Night' they made bird feeders to help look after the birds that sometimes visit our garden. This week we will be counting any birds that we see as part of the RSPB's great big school birdwatch

Phonics

This week we are learning: Double Letters - Chapter 2 Set 8

 Bonny the bunny cannon	 Eddy the ladder address	 Peggy the egg eggs	 Robby the gibbon rabbit
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Maths– Growing 6,7,8

This week we will be learning about different ways of making the numbers 6,7 and 8. You can help your child by getting them to spot 6,7 and 8 items eg. get 8 pieces of pasta and drop them on the table- ask your child to say what they can see. They might see a 2, 3,2 and 1 which makes 8. Repeat several times so they can experience different ways of making the same number.

Reading- Tricky words

Common exception words are a group of words that appear commonly in both texts and spoken language, but which can't be decoded using normal phonics rules eg. I, so, want.

These are words that get used a lot in both speech and writing. As children begin to read longer and trickier texts, you can be sure that they'll come across these words often. By teaching children words that don't follow standard phonics spelling conventions, they will feel less confused when they come across them in their reading. This will in turn help to improve their reading fluency. At school, we practise the common exception words from chapter 2 daily.

Children will feel more confident if they also practise the words at home. To help with this, earlier in the school year you received a bookmark with all the words to practise. **if you cannot find this let me know and I can get you another one.**

All the words do not have to be practised at once, choose 2/3 words to focus on and your child has mastered them, choose some more.

Thank you for your continued support.