

## NEWHALL

This week we have learnt about 'Deforestation' and why rainforests are so important to us. They are often known as the 'lungs of the Earth' where the trees absorb harmful carbon dioxide and help produce oxygen. However, deforestation occurs when trees are cut down across a wide area which is then permanently cleared for another use. The children were very shocked to hear that the animals and plants lose their homes and so many become endangered or extinct! Deforestation also impacts on our climate as when the trees are cut down the carbon dioxide builds up in the atmosphere which causes global warming! Lots of children drew some fantastic pictures of the rainforest and used their Fred fingers to describe what they had drawn.

The children were all very excited to come in on Friday dressed in their favourite outfits/costumes. We are so proud of them for getting 1000 dojo points and they had such a wonderful day. In the afternoon, we talked about our outfits and what sort of characters we could be in a story. The children had a go at writing their stories and describing what happened. The children used some story writing frames to draw pictures and describe it using their Fred fingers to write the words.

On the 2nd of February we have a dance workshop for Chinese New Year which is run by a theatre company called West End. Featuring music and movement inspired by traditional and contemporary Chinese culture, your children will develop their cultural understanding as they reinvent the myth behind the Chinese Zodiac. We are very excited for this wonderful experience!

We change phonics groups each half term so we can focus the learning on the children and their next steps. Sometimes the homework which is set is repeated to consolidate your children's learning. Please support your children to form sounds correctly and write independently as far as possible. We can see the progress in their phonics since Christmas and we are so proud of them.

Have a wonderful weekend. The Reception Team—Miss Gooch, Miss Maddams and Mrs Matthews.

### Home learning task.

In maths we do a lot of work around finding one more and one less than a number. We use an alien called POM to help us. On the next page we have attached a picture of POM— put a number in POM's tummy and ask your children if they can find one more and one less than the number.



