






Friday 14th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,
This week we took time to remember those who gave their lives to keep us safe and free. The children were very respectful during the two-minute silence and showed empathy for others. We talked about why we have poppies and how our poppy money helps injured soldiers and their families.

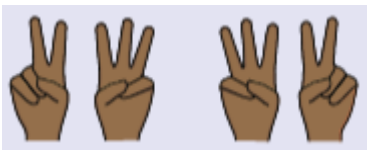
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Through stories, we have found out about Africa and the amazing animals that live there. We have learned where the continent of Africa is and what the weather is like; understanding that it is near the equator so it has a hotter climate. We have discovered many different landscapes including the desert, rainforest and savannah. Why not scan the QR codes to watch the Go Jetters explore the continent of Africa or join Andy for a Wild Adventure as he searches for elephants in Kenya. Great fun was had as we learned a new song; Chang Chang Chang have you ever seen an elephant.

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In phonics we have introduced the children to the letters **y z zz qu** and the sounds that they make. We found out that when you hear z at the start of a word (zebra), we use one z but when we generally hear z in the middle or at the end of a word (dazzle/fizz), we usually use the diagraph zz; two letters that make one sound. In addition, we have learned to read some new tricky words; **me be we he**. Ask your child which parts tricks you out!

Through number games, we have been counting, recognising numerals and subitising arrangements of up to five objects. **Subitising** is saying how many without needing to count. By singing 5 little apples and exploring different arrangements of objects, we have spotted numbers within numbers such as different ways to make 4 and 5. "3 and one more makes 4. 2 and another 2 makes 4. 5 is 4 and 1 more." We have practised, and continue to learn, how to count to 5 on our fingers and count back from 5. To practise at home, encourage your child to show 4 or 5 using their fingers. Is there more than one way? Is it possible to show 4 or 5 using two hands rather than just one?



**Home Learning**

To copy the letters **y z zz qu** and have a go at writing your own. Please continue to encourage your child to hold their pencil correctly as they do so. Please share your child's reading book with them and play the attached I spy game; practise makes progress.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.
Team Puffins

We value our parents as partners. Please leave a comment on any aspect of your child's learning. Things they are enjoying, new learning that they may have shared with you or things that they may be finding tricky.

My child's name: Date: