

## Early Years Newsletter for Raccoons and Wombats Please remember a named water bottle, coat and (book) bag each day.

## **Phonics focus:**

**English focus** of the week:

Our whole school focus this week is writing for pleasure. We will be writing about the castle that we visited at the beginning of the week.

We continue to focus on longer words. The children will learn that the grapheme 's' can make the sound /z/ within words and at the end of words as a suffix, and that the suffix '-s' and '-es' at the end of words can create plurals. Words to practise at home: mammoth chairs fishes boxes torches queens. Tricky words to review: they all by my are sure pure. Please continue to practise the recall of the digraphs and trigraphs at home as well.



Maths focus of the week:

Composition: exploring when 2 equal parts combine to make a whole. Also continuing to use subitising skills, and beginning to 'know' the whole when we see 2 parts the same size for larger numbers within 10.

We had a fantastic trip and learnt a lot about castle life many hundreds of years ago.

PE kits on Tuesday please.

w/c 17.03.25

Congratulations to Lilli for receiving the risk taking star learner award last week; during her phonics sessions she consistently gives 110% and regularly takes risks.

Congratulations to **Ruby and Ivy** E who are our writers of the week. Their writing is proudly displayed in the school hall.

Snail and the Whale Reading Café

Wednesday 19.03.25 @2pm. We are looking forward to seeing you there! Siblings are welcome as long as they are not running around the hall – thank you.