**Foundation Stage News**

The children have settled back into school beautifully and have enjoyed telling us and their friends all about their wonderful Christmas holidays!

Next week, children in Reception will be continuing to learn about the jungle. Class 1 will be reading ‘Walking through the Jungle’ by Julie Lacombe and Class 2 will be reading ‘Monkey Puzzle’ by Julia Donaldson.

Reception children will also be learning about counting and ordinal numbers.

How to help at home:

* Share books about animals (e.g. Rumble in the Jungle, John Bush; Dear Zoo, Rod Campbell; The Enormous Crocodile, Roald Dahl) and sing animal songs (e.g. 5 Little Monkeys, Nellie the Elephant).
* Draw and write animal names.
* Talk about different colours, patterns and textures of animals.
* Use the internet or non-fiction books to find out about your favourite animal.
* Race and discuss first, second and third place.
* If cooking, using time connectors, e.g. ‘first we get a bowl; secondly, we take a spoon; thirdly, we pour the flour.’

Next week, nursery children will be continuing to learn about Dear Zoo and Number 6.

How to help at home:

* Draw or paint your favourite zoo animal.
* Make a model animals and animal homes (e.g. a dog kennel) from recycling.
* Use small toy animals to make a zoo. What do you need to do to look after your animals? What food would they eat? Have they got somewhere to sleep? What else would the animals need to be happy?
* Count six animal toys into their pen.

Thank you for all of the feedback we have received from 2simple Parentshare- it is wonderful to see all of the learning that is happening at home and it is contributing greatly to assessments. If you would like to share photos with us, simply attach photos in a reply email.

Please remember to check your child’s bag daily as lovely pictures they have made and important letters will be placed in bags or trays.