**CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER SPRING 1 RECEPTION –**

**MISS WILBRAHAM AND MRS BROOKES**



**Reading at home**

We ask children to read at least three times at home with a grown up. If your child has read their book, please support their understanding further by asking them questions about the story. We also love to see any stories you have shared together in your reading planners.

**Phonics homework**

As we move through the year, we will be learning more sounds and tricky words. Please practise not only writing these sounds but sound talking and blending/reading the words. Even ask your child to be the teacher to allow them to practise!

**P.E**

Our P.E session will continue to take place on a Tuesday. In the Autumn term, children made a great start at independently changing for PE. We will continue this after Christmas so please practise independently changing and dressing.



**Seesaw**

Please ensure you have access to our home school learning app ‘Seesaw’ as we continually share photographs of our learning and activities.

Homework and activities are also set on seesaw weekly.

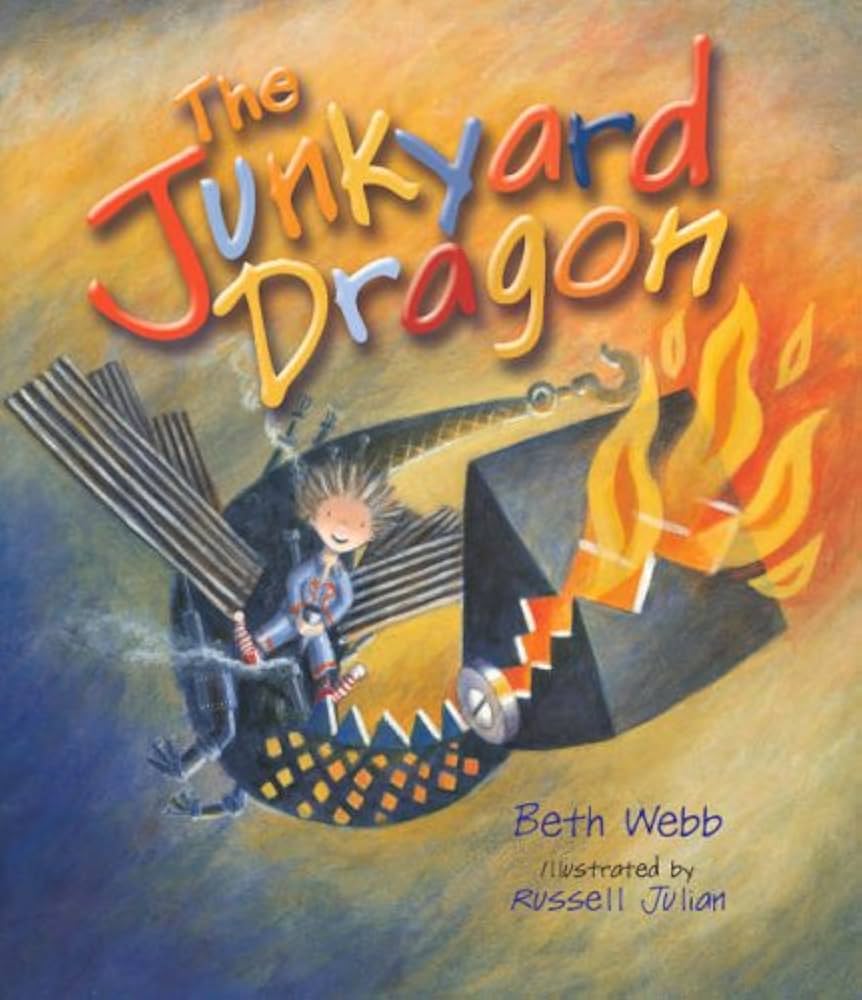
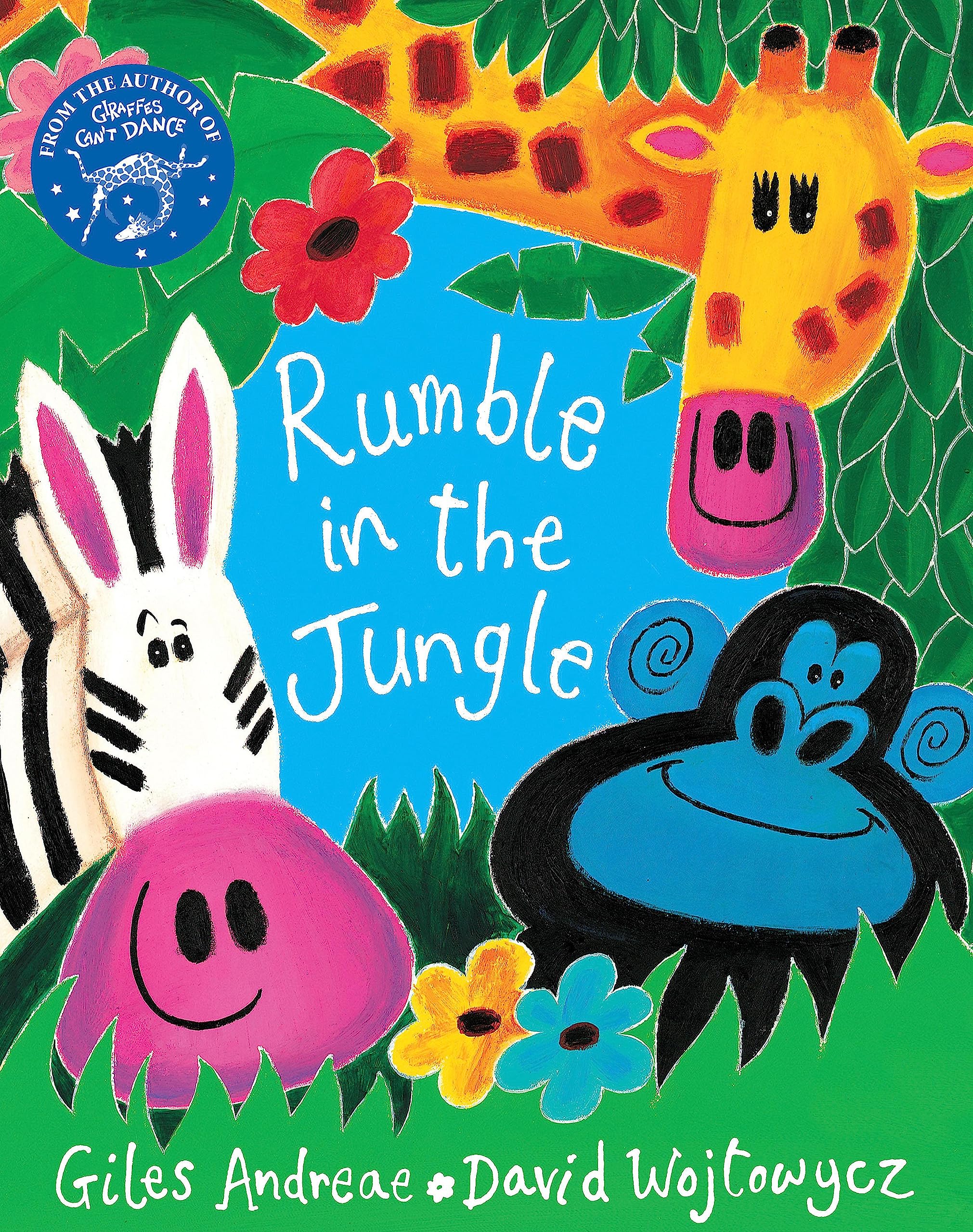
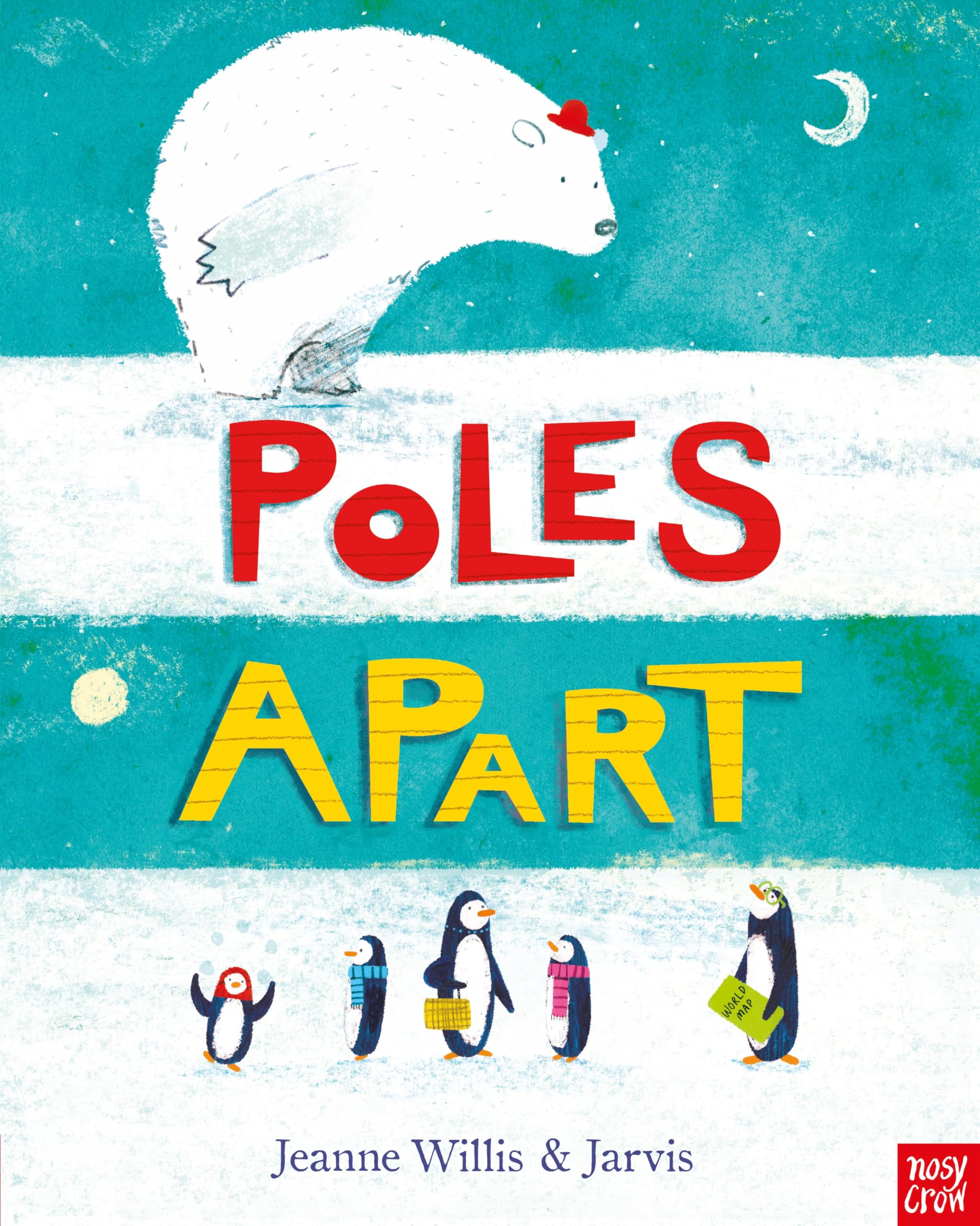
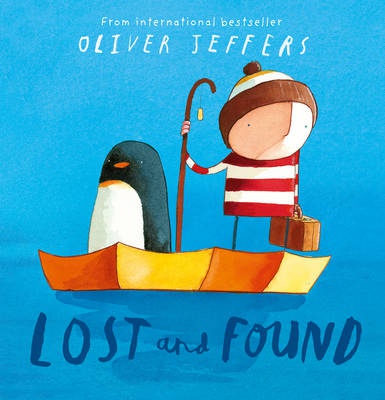
Please speak directly to a member of the Reception Team if you need any additional information.

Thank you for your continued support

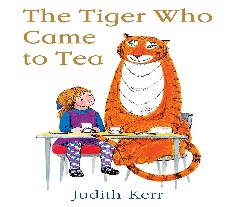
Reception Team

**Extraordinary adventures around the world!**

Welcome to Reception! This half term, the children will be exploring different countries, animals and climates around the world. We will explore some key themes such as polar, desert and jungle animals and Chinese New Year! Throughout this topic we will access a wide variety of wonderful texts.



Children will also begin learning the phase 3 sounds and tricky words following the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds. They will continue with weekly Drawing Club and ‘Squiggle Me into a Writer’ to support their writing and drawing.

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**Physical Development**

We will be practising how to move safely around the hall and apparatus. We will be using our imagination and communication skills to help us navigate around spaces.

We will develop our fine motor skills by cutting along curved and straight lines. We will also be encouraging children to form letters correctly using a tripod pencil grip.

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

Children will explore the different cultures and have new experiences in response to this. We will discuss how to care for our world and animals. We will continue to follow our Prior’s Promise values.

**Phonics**

We will be teaching the phase 3 sounds and tricky words.

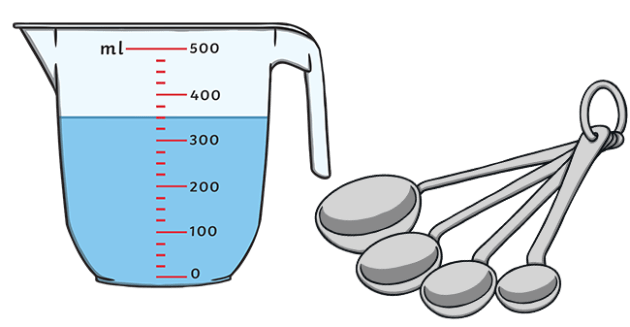
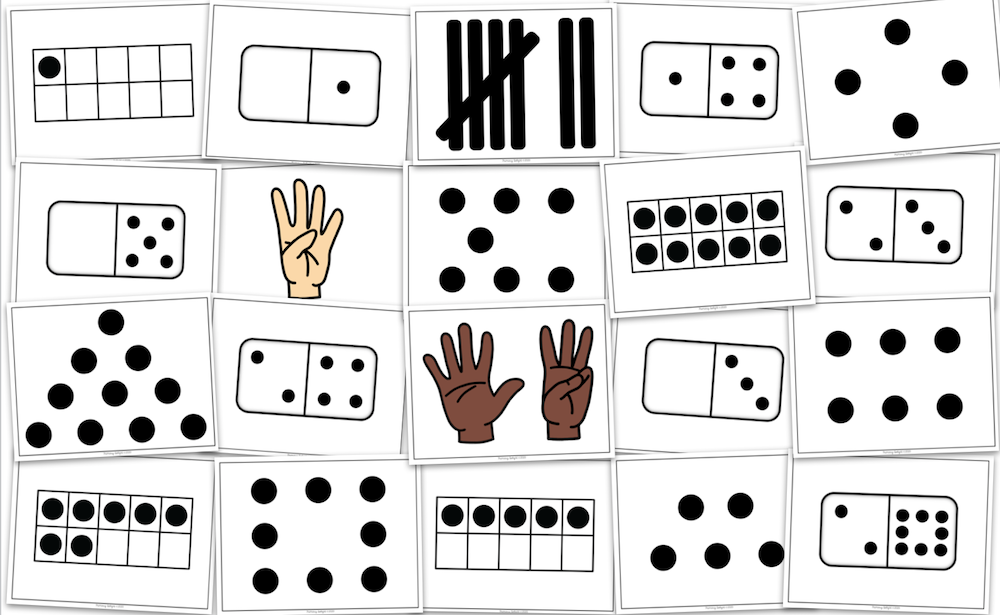
Each phonics session includes a revisit and review, a teach and practice and a practice and apply section.

Please follow the Little Wandle link on seesaw for parent support or ask any of the reception team if you have any questions.

**Maths**

In Maths we will be:

* Consolidating numbers 0-5 through composition and subitising
* Finding 1 more and 1 less of numbers
* Finding, exploring and comparing mass and capacity
* Beginning to explore numbers 6,7 and 8 through composition, number bonds and subitising



**Expressive Arts and Design**

We will be using junk modelling to make familiar and global landmarks. We will be developing our cutting skills when making Chinese lanterns and dragons. As we learn traditional stories, we can use puppets to retell these well-known tales.

**Understanding the World**

We will be comparing maps, habitats and celebrations from across the globe!

We will broaden the children’s horizons by celebrating Chinese New Year and learn all about the customs associated with this cultural celebration.

**Communication and Language**

Children will have the opportunity to retell stories and will be able to explore a variety of non-fiction texts. We will be discussing places we have visited and different places around the world. We will continue to ask and answer questions and develop our explanations.