

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a lovely week learning about Jonah and the Whale in R.E. and describing Jonah before and after he was eaten by the whale. We have been practising counting and estimating how many objects are in a set in Maths.

We have started our new Write Dance programme this week. Write Dance is a program that uses music, songs, and suggested movements to help children develop gross motor coordination and coordinated mark-making skills in a fun and imaginative way. It is designed to introduce handwriting to children aged 5-8 years. The movements are designed to help children feel happy and comfortable with their bodies, improve their motor skills, and provide a strong foundation for writing.

We introduced Rainbow Challenges this week. These are independent challenges to reinforce learning and promote independence and thinking skills. The children collect a different coloured lollipop stick from each challenge in their rainbow pocket to earn house points at the end of each week. The children are trying very hard to upload a photograph of their challenges to Seesaw independently so you may see some blurry photos!

If your child receives a school fruit snack at playtime, please pay £15 for the term as soon as possible by ParentPay.

Big Merit this term will be on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February, so if your child receives a merit certificate you will be invited to join us for the celebration.

Here is some extra reading practice if you would like to use it:

**Learning to blend at home**

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/kd5M8oqh/NVWb2GPR>

**Word Time set 1**

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/uRZKNQjt/rnwl2DuF>

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/cJaWsPEq/0glm3SLJ>

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend!  
Best Wishes,

Mrs Chapman and Miss Hopkins