



## Year R Homework Letter - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### Our Learning This Week

#### Maths

This week in Maths we have continued learning about measure focusing on size and length. The children have been using concrete objects (including themselves!) to place objects in order of size as well as identifying when an object is longer/shorter than another. We have focused on trying to encourage the children to use full sentences as part of their Maths learning, for example, 'the colouring pencil is longer than the Lego brick'. During their small group focussed session the children ordered teddy bear pictures from biggest to smallest, they all demonstrated a good understanding of this activity and were able to complete it independently.



#### Phonics

Along with practising our phase 2 and 3 phonics this week the children have been learning the next set of 'tricky words' (words that cannot be decoded phonetically e.g. 'the') as listed below:

#### Phase 3 Tricky Words

he	she	we	me
be	you	all	are
her	was	they	my

### Literacy

This week we have continued using our topic 'People Who Help Us' as the foundation for our Literacy sessions. We have used the story 'Topsy and Tim go to the Doctor' to learn about the medical profession. The children have created a story map and have been learning how to write a 'get well soon' card. During their small group focussed session the children wrote a list of reasons as to why we might visit the doctors. They are making good progress in using their phonic knowledge to spell and write words.



### PSED

As part of our topic on 'People Who Help Us', the children have been learning how to keep safe in the classroom. We taught them how to carry scissors safely and why we need to carry them in this particular way. We then discussed what other accidents could occur in the classroom and what we would need to do to avoid them; the children came up with some great ideas including walking in the classroom, tidying up our toys, not touching electrical sockets and telling a grown up if they spill water so it can be cleared up. The children are developing such great communication skills during these times of whole class discussion.

## EAD

This week, to develop the children's understanding of doctors, the classroom was set up with a role play doctor's surgery. The children loved exploring this area of the classroom during 'Plan, Do, Review!' We developed this further during our EAD whole class session where children volunteered to come and role play a doctor and patient scenario in front of the rest of the class - we had some very convincing performances!



## Loveworks

Following the excellent response over the last few years, we have once again decided to support the local charity Loveworks as one of our half termly 'love projects.' Loveworks helps those in need of food and can also offer support with paying utility bills. To support Loveworks, we are running our 'A Tin A Week' project again. As the name suggests, we are asking for children to bring in one item a week for the next five weeks. We hope that we can reach at least 500 items by half term. The items needed are listed below in priority order:

UHT semi skimmed milk, shampoo, toilet rolls, tins of meat casserole, tinned corn beef, ham etc, long life fruit juice, tinned fruit, porridge oats, soup, tuna, pasta sauce, jam, rice, tinned potatoes/smash, tinned vegetables, tinned tomatoes, breakfast cereals, tinned custard/rice pudding, deodorant/anti perspirant.

To find out more about Loveworks please follow the link  
<http://www.loveworks.org.uk/> Thank you

## Bee Bots!

This week we introduced our 'bee bots' into our 'Plan Do Review' sessions. Some of the children loved engaging with this device and spent time investigating, figuring out how they worked and how to programme them with a series of movements developing into building tracks for them to travel round.



## Voluntary Homework Activity

In maths this week the children have been learning about size and length. Could your child use some of their toys to place them in size order from the biggest/longest to the smallest/shortest? If you would like to do this activity it would be great if you could upload a photograph or short video of your child's learning onto their Tapestry account - there is no deadline for this optional learning opportunity.

## Dates to remember:

25.01.22 - PTFA Cinema Night 3.15pm to 5.30pm

03.02.22 - PTFA Bags to School Collection 9.00am

08.02.22 - Safer Internet Day

14.02.22 to 18.02.22 - Half Term

Please always feel able to contact me if you have any queries or concerns and we can get together to talk it through; you can write me a note in the home contact book or email me through the school office, alternatively you can catch me on the school playground before and after school.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Rutter and Mr Eddington