



## Year R Homework Letter - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September

It was lovely to see you all again at the 'Meet the Teacher' presentation. I hope that those who attended the phonics workshop on Thursday found it useful too. Both presentations will be put on the website in the EYFS classroom tab in the coming week, for those who weren't able to come along.

### **Phonics**

We have started teaching phonics this week using the Oxford Owl Essential Letters and Sounds programme. So far we have introduced the children to the phonemes s - a - t - p. We have been very impressed with how smoothly the children have taken to more formal teaching. They are all able to sit on the carpet with their white boards and pens beautifully. We have also been very impressed with the children's ability to form their letters - a very promising start! Please use the phoneme flashcards we sent home last week to support their learning in school. We have included a link to help with the pronunciation of sounds: [Phonics: How to pronounce pure sounds | Oxford Owl - YouTube](#)

We will continue to send home 'wordless' books next week. Please encourage your child to tell you the story using the pictures. Encourage your child to describe how each character is feeling and to predict what might happen next in the story. Once we have introduced the children to the next set of phonemes we will start to send home books with words. Next Friday we will also start using the Oxford Owl Essential Letters and sounds website to set an additional E-Book which compliments the phonic learning for that week.

### **Harvest**

This year in partnership with Christ Church in the village, we will be supporting a local charity called 'Open Hands'. To find out more about the charity please click on the following link <https://www.openhandsreigate.com>. Christ Church PCC would like to continue to support Open Hands by collecting items of food that can be used for their food bank. We have received an amazing response from parents and children previously, so would like to operate the collection as we have done before, by asking the children in each year group to collect a specific item. To help us support this charity, please could you bring in: Multipack crisps, children's snack boxes, children's meals (e.g ravioli, spaghetti hoops). Thank you in advance for your support.

### **Homework**

Please continue to read daily with your child and write a comment in your child's yellow reading log. We will read with your child once a week, but provide you with two books. This week we are sending home an optional workbook which accompanies our phonics' teaching. Please could you look over pages 9 to 11 - with your child. This homework is optional.

Our value this term is community. Please could you provide a photo or a picture drawn by your child of their favourite place in their community. These will be displayed in the classroom and used as a talking point. It would be lovely if you could also ask them why it is their favourite place and write down their thoughts on the back of

### **Diary Dates**

Harvest Service at Christ Church:  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 9.30am  
Year R and Year 6 Buddy  
Collective Worship: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
November, 9.05 am  
Inset Day: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November  
Parent and Carer Evenings:  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November -  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November.  
Nativity Dress Rehearsal:  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2.00 -  
3.00pm  
Nativity Performances: Tuesday  
6<sup>th</sup> December - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>  
December.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Brooks, Mrs Summers and Mrs Kendall

