



Year R Homework Letter - Friday 4th November

It was lovely to welcome so many of you to our first 'Buddy' Collective Worship on Thursday. As you could tell, the children are really benefitting from having their own special Year 6 buddy and strong friendships have started to form as a result. We are hoping to do a planned activity with our buddies at least once a term.

Phonics

Thank you so much for all the time you have spent not only reading with your child but also supporting with the learning of different phonemes and 'harder to read and write' words. We have seen a remarkable improvement already in the children's ability to segment and blend words. Their letter formation is also really improving too. This week we have learnt the phonemes: j; v; w; x.

Additionally we have also learnt the following 'harder to read and write words': he, she, buses.

We have placed new phoneme and 'harder to read and write' flashcards in your child's bag. We would be grateful if you could cut these up and keep them in the small plastic envelope we provided you with at the start of the year.

Please can you remember to keep your child's reading log and books in their book bag every day. Many Thanks in advance for your support.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you so much for all the items we have received so far for our shoe boxes. We have managed to fill two shoe boxes to date, but our ideal target is five shoeboxes. We are asking for children to bring in a couple of items suitable for boys or girls between the ages of 5 and 9 to fill these boxes. Please look on the Samaritan's Purse website for a reminder of suitable items to donate:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox/>

All items need to be brought into school by Monday 14th November. Thank you in advance for your support.

Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me I'm the Gingerbread man! The children have enjoyed reading the Gingerbread man this week in literacy and writing their own story maps to demonstrate their understanding of the story. In our enhanced provision children have been making their own gingerbread men from playdoh and made puppets from the story to perform a show in our new puppet theatre. We have also made firework pictures and talked about the significance of Bonfire Night and firework safety this week too.

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. We have also set an E-Book on Oxford Owl for you to read with your child.

Optional homework: Please use the phoneme flashcards to practice all the phonemes covered so far with your child. Please also help your child to recognise this week's harder to read and spell words: he, she, buses. We have included a link to help with the pronunciation of sounds:

[Phonics: How to pronounce pure sounds | Oxford Owl - YouTube](#)

Workbook: As we have finished the first workbook now, please could you return it and we will keep this in your child's folder. We are sending home a new workbook. If you are able, please could you look over p. 8 - 10 with your child. This is completely optional.

Diary Dates

No uniform day: Thursday 24th November.

Inset Day: Friday 25th November

Parent and Carer Evenings: Monday 28th November - Wednesday 30th November.

Nativity Dress Rehearsal: Monday 5th December, 2.00 - 3.00pm

Nativity Performances: Tuesday 6th December - Wednesday 7th December.

Thursday 15th December: Christmas carol service at Christ Church

Friday 16th December: Last day of

PE - PE will be on **Fridays**. PE kits can be kept at school on pegs. No PE shoes needed this term.