



## Year R Homework Letter - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

### **Phonics**

This week we have learnt the phonemes: y, z, zz, qu, ch. Additionally we have also learnt the following 'harder to read and write words': we, be, me.

### **Jack and the Beanstalk**

On Monday morning the children entered the classroom to find a treasure chest of gold coins, a golden egg, some large feet, vines and harp music playing in the background. We wondered what might have happened. Mrs Brooks thought she would check the school's security camera and found footage of an enormous beanstalk growing in the school grounds. Luckily our premises manager, Mr Kolndreu, managed to chop it down before the children came to school, as we didn't want anyone climbing it! We thought the story reminded us of the fairytale 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and we remembered how Jack had climbed the beanstalk and found a castle with a giant living in it at the top. This week in our enhanced provision the children have taken part in lots of activities based around this fairytale. They have painted and labelled magic beans, made castles in the clouds using lego and shaving foam, and used beans to measure the height of different characters in the story.

A screenshot from the security camera showing the beanstalk growing on the school field!



### **Maths**

In our maths lesson this week we have been learning about positional language. We have been encouraging the children to use full sentences to describe the positions of objects around the classroom and played games using this vocabulary. The children also went on a treasure hunt, whereby they had to follow the pictures and read the preposition to take them to the next clue until they found their treasure.

### **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: we, be, me. We have included a link to help with the pronunciation of sounds: [Phonics: How to pronounce pure sounds / Oxford Owl - YouTube](#)

**Workbook update** Unfortunately the second set of Essential Letters and Sounds workbooks are missing a large section of pages. We have contacted Oxford Owl and a new set are on their way. In the meantime we would suggest practicing the activities from the start of the book to p.16. This homework is entirely optional.

### **Diary Dates**

No uniform day: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

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.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas carol service at Christ Church

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December: Last day of school

Have a wonderful weekend. Mrs Summers, Mrs Brooks and Mrs Kendall