



## Year R Homework Letter - Thursday 24th November

### **Phonics**

This week we have learnt the phonemes: ai, ee, igh, oa. These are also called vowel digraphs. A digraph is two letters which makes one sound.

Additionally we have also learnt the following 'harder to read and write words': was, her.

We did an individual phonic check with the children this week and we are so pleased with the progress they have made this term. We are looking forward to sharing more information when we meet at our Parents' and Carers' Evening next week.

### **Literacy: Cinderella**

This week we have focused on a new fairytale: Cinderella. We read the story together and thought about the different characters and how they might be feeling at different points in the story. We also learnt new vocabulary such as 'wicked' and 'jealous.' As a class we re-told the story by correctly sequencing pictures and giving extra information about what was happening in each scene. In our enhanced provision, children have been making potions, just like the Fairy Godmother, in our 'mud kitchen' using pipettes, test tubes and coloured water. The children have also enjoyed making Cinderella's slipper in the art room and magic wands, using different materials such as card, sequins and pompoms. As it is Autumn, we thought we would make use of all the fallen leaves in the outside area by creating an outfit for Cinderella to wear while she was doing all her chores. In the 'home corner' children found a list of chores left by the 'Ugly Sisters' for them to complete. This included doing the washing and ironing! The children had to tick off each chore as it was completed. We have never seen the home corner look so tidy!

### **Maths**

In our maths lesson this week we have been learning about the number 4. In our Maths focus group, children used unifix blocks to make different arrangements of 4. They then used an ink pad to print these onto paper. In our enhanced provision, linked to our Cinderella theme, the children used unifix blocks to measure their feet and write down the measurement on a class chart. By the end when everyone has measure their feet, we will see whose foot will fit Cinderella's glass slipper!

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

**Workbook update** Our new Essential Letters and Sounds workbooks have arrived and you will find this in your child's book bag. Please could you name this book. If you have time, please have a go at p.20-24. This is entirely optional.

### **Nativity costumes**

We do now need these in. If you have a problem sourcing an angel costume, please speak to one of the EYFS team. Thank you so much in advance.

### **Diary Dates**

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