



## Year R Homework Letter - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January

### **Phonics**

This week we have learnt the phonemes: ow, oi, ear, air  
We have had no new 'Harder to Read and Spell' words this week and have been re-capping the words we have already learnt.

### **Our Learning this week**

This week in the EYFS classroom we have been exploring mass and capacity. On Monday the children were asked to conduct an experiment into whether a horse, pig, sheep, cow or mouse could sink the toy boat on our water table. On Tuesday, we read the book 'Who sank the boat' by Pamela Allen and we were excited to find out if our predictions were correct. We learnt that it was infact all of the animals together that managed to sink the boat. On Tuesday, we arrived at school to find that the animals from our story had got frozen in the water table over night. We then spent time investigating how we could free the trapped animals and found out that salt worked wonders at thawing the ice.

During our 'Child initiated Play' sessions, the children enjoyed many activities based on mass and capacity. These included counting how many scoops of rainbow coloured rice could fit into different sized containers; filling different sizes of socks with sand to explore capacity; weighing different objects and ordering them from heaviest to lightest; using craft materials to show if a jar is half full or full and investigating who could create the heaviest monster out of megabloks.

In preparation for Chinese New Year next week, we have been learning about the Chinese Zodiac and the Year of the Rabbit. We created a piece of art work based on a silhouette of a rabbit and using a sponge, we dabbed red, orange and yellow paints around the silhouette. We were very pleased with the final piece!

In RE we have been learning how Christians believe God created humans to care for his world and look after all the creatures in it. We then thought about different animals we would like to create by putting together two or three parts of different animals. The children were encouraged to cut up pictures of different animals and mix up their body parts to create a new animal. We had some wonderful creations which the children shared with the class.

### **Homework**

Please continue to read daily with your child and write a comment in your child's yellow reading log. Our aim is to now hear your child read twice a week. We will change the reading books during the first half of the week. Your child will also be read with on the same two days each week. We have also set an E-Book on Oxford Owl for you to read with your child.

**Optional homework:** Please practice the phonemes and 'Harder to Read and Spell' words with your child. We have included a link to help with the pronunciation of sounds: [Phonics: How to pronounce pure sounds / Oxford Owl - YouTube](#)

**Workbook:** If you have time, please have a go at pages 29-32. This is entirely optional.

Book Week	W/C 20 <sup>th</sup> February
St. David's Day - yellow shirt	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2023
St. Patrick's Day - green shirt	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
Parent and Carer Evening	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
Parent and Carer Evening	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
Parent and Carer Evening	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
Easter Service Christ Church	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023 - 9.30am

### **Love Project for the Spring Term.**

Thank you to all those who brought in food items this week to support our 'Tin a Week' appeal. So far EYFS have managed to collect 31 tins As a school our aim is to reach at least 500 items, all of which will go to the Loveworks charity which is based in Merstham.

Have a lovely weekend. The EYFS team