

### Phonícs

This term we will be revising all the phase 2 and phase 3 phonemes we have learnt since September. We are finding that the children are very confident with phase 2 phonemes but are findng some of the diagraphs and trigraphs in phase 3 such as ng, ai, igh, oa, oo and ure more challenging.

# World Book Day: Thursday 2nd March

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> of March is World Book Day. World Book Day was created by UNESCO on 23rd April 1995 as a worldwide celebration of books and reading. It is marked in over 100 countries around the globe. The first World Book Day in the UK and Ireland took place in 1997 to encourage young people to discover the pleasure of reading. To celebrate this year's World Book Day, we are inviting children to dress up as a character from one of their favourite books. We are also asking for children to bring this book in to school as they will have a shared reading session with their Year 6 buddies in the afternoon.

## Love Project.

Thank you for your support with our 'Tin a Week' Love Project last term. Graham Humphries, from the charity Love Works came to collect all the donations on Friday and was overwhelmed with the generosity of our families.

This term we are supporting the Southwark Diocese Lent Call, which raises funds for local community projects in Southwark and the Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and Jerusalem.

In 2023, the theme is "mental health & well-being." To support the Lent Call we are asking children to take part in a sponsored sporting challenge of their choice, as being outside and moving is great for releasing those feel-good endorphins which help improve our mental health and well-being. This sporting challenge could be a walk-a-thon, bike-a-thon, dance-a thon or swim-a thon. Sponsorship forms will go out with this week's homework letter. Please could all sponsorship money be paid to the school via ScoPay during the first week of the summer term. Many Thanks in advance.

#### Homework

Please continue to read daily with your child and write a comment in your child's yellow reading log - this is really helpful for us. 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: <u>Phonics:</u> <u>How to pronounce pure sounds</u> | <u>Oxford Owl - YouTube</u>

*Workbook:* If you have time, please have a go at pages 37-38. This is entirely optional.

# Our Learning this week

Our topic this term is 'Come Outside.' During the next six weeks we will be learning about the world around us which will include looking at seasonal change, the physical environment around us and animals. In our enhanced provision this week the children enjoyed imaginative play in our class 'pet shop.' The children had the opportunity to buy cats, dogs, bírds, hamsters, rabbíts and snakes. Once bought from the shop, they have been learning how to look after them too! The children have also been making sheep in the art area using paper plates and cotton wool and making bird feeders to hang outside ín the outdoor area. On мonday we enjoyed a nature scavenger hunt around Trinity Farm and the wildlife area.

**Wellies** - as our topic this term includes lots of outdoor learning, please bring in wellies if you have not already done so.

Have a wonderful weekend The EYFS Team