



Year R Homework Letter - Friday 12th May

Phonics

We have continued to look at phase 4 phonemes and CCVCC words such as *splat*, *shrug* and *scrub*.

Our learning this week

This week as part of our topic 'Sand and Sea' we have been learning about pirates. In our literacy lessons we have been reading the book 'The Night Pirates' by Peter Harris. The week began with the children finding a treasure map in the classroom. The children then followed the map which led them to the treasure. In our literacy focus group we wrote down the qualities that we would look for in a good pirate, such as being able to dig for gold, following treasure maps and not being scared of the sea and all the creatures that live in it. In our enhanced provision, we set up a 'walk the plank' activity for children to practice their gross motor skills, with the aim of not falling into the shark infested waters below! The children have been making pirate ships using straws, sails and kitchen sponges, they then made a water obstacle course to sail their pirate ships through. Our shop this week, became a beach shop selling inflatables, buckets, spades, sunglasses and windmills. It has been very popular! In our RE lessons this term we are looking at how Christians believe Jesus rescued people. We listened to the story of Zacchaeus, a tax collector who was very unpopular, but despite this Jesus still invited himself to dinner at Zacchaeus' house. We talked about how it might feel to be lonely and how Zacchaeus must have felt when Jesus reached out to him.

As per Miss Wood's newsletter, we will be asking Reception children to be dropped off at the gate after half term. This is in preparation for their transition to Year 1.

We would be extremely grateful for any donations of old children's magazines such as CBEEBIES. 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: [Phonics: How to pronounce pure sounds / Oxford Owl - YouTube](#)

Diary Dates

Friday 26th May - Mufti Day. Bring a bottle for the Summer Garden Party.
Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd July - Half Term.

Phonological awareness

Phonological Awareness is the ability to hear and manipulate parts of spoken language. Skills are at a listening/auditory and spoken/verbal, level - no print - spoken words requiring ears only! In order to develop the children's phonological awareness we would like the children to bring in a small item or picture beginning with a certain letter each week. This week the letter is 'F'.

School Photos

Please be aware that we have school photos next week on Monday 15th May. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform.

Have a wonderful weekend.
The EYFS Team