



## **Year R Homework Letter - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

It was lovely to see you all again at the 'Meet the Teacher' presentation. I hope that those who attended the phonics workshop on Thursday found it useful too. Both presentations will be available on the website in the EYFS classroom tab for those who weren't able to come along.

### **Phonics**

We have started teaching phonics this week using the Oxford Owl Essential Letters and Sounds programme. So far we have introduced the children to the phonemes s - a - t - p - i - n. We have been very pleased with how smoothly the children have taken to more formal teaching. They are all able to sit on the carpet with their white boards and pens beautifully. We have also been very impressed with the children's ability to form their letters - a very promising start! Please use the phoneme flashcards we sent home last week to support their learning in school. We have included a link to help with the pronunciation of phonemes (sounds): [Phonics: How to pronounce pure sounds | Oxford Owl - YouTube](#)

We will continue to send home 'wordless' books next week. Please encourage your child to tell you the story using the pictures. Ask your child to describe how each character is feeling and to predict what might happen next in the story. Once we have introduced the children to the next set of phonemes we will start to send home books with words. Next Friday we will also start using the Oxford Owl Essential Letters and sounds website to set an additional E-Book which compliments the phonic learning for that week.

### **Harvest**

This year in partnership with Christ Church in the village, we will be supporting a local charity called 'Open Hands'. To find out more about the charity please click on the following link <https://www.openhandsreigate.com>. Christ Church PCC would like to continue to support Open Hands by collecting items of food that can be used for their food bank. We have received an amazing response from parents and children previously, so would like to operate the collection as we have done before, by asking the children in each year group to collect a specific item. To help us support this charity, please could you bring in: Multipack crisps, children's snack boxes, children's meals (e.g ravioli, spaghetti hoops). Thank you in advance for your support.

### **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. I will set our Oxford Owl online book next week.

Please could you provide your child with a photo of a 'special person.' (It will be returned to you.) We will be using these photos in our PSED lesson next Thursday. You can also put this photo on Tapestry if you prefer.

### **Reminders**

Please could children bring in a pair of named wellies that will remain in school.

Spare clothes will remain in school, not in book bags. If clothes need to go home to be washed, they will be given to you in a coloured bag. Please could you return this bag to school with a new set of clothes.

Please could book bags just have one named keyring on.

Please remember to sign up to Tapestry using the link on the Tapestry consent form.

### **Diary Dates**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October: Harvest

Service at Christ Church. 9.30 am

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November: Year R Buddy Collective Worship. 9.00 am (Hall)

Monday 27<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>,

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November: Parent and Carer Evening ( 3.30 - 6.00pm)

Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Brooks and Mrs Kendall