



## Year R Homework Letter - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

### **Phonics**

This week we have reviewed all the Phase 3 phonemes we have learnt to date. Our new 'Harder to Read and Spell' words this week are: when and what

### **Our Learning this week**

We have continued to learn about Space, focusing particularly on the Moon. In our literacy lessons we have been reading 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy. In this story we joined Baby Bear on his adventure to the Moon. Baby Bear manages to find a rocket, make friends with an owl and have a picnic on the Moon whilst still managing to make it back home before bedtime! In response to the book, the children have been writing about Baby Bear's thoughts when he first landed on the Moon.

In our 'Understanding the World' lesson we have continued to learn about astronauts. We thought about what an astronaut would need to travel into Space and what they might do when they arrive. We learnt that astronauts are scientists who want to find out more about the places that they visit in Space.

In the art room we have been busy making paintings of the Moon. We used white paint mixed with flour so our pictures resembled the texture of the moon. We then wrote sentences to describe the appearance and size of the Moon.

We thought about why we can only sometimes see part of the Moon in the sky and used playdoh to recreate the different phases of the Moon. We also looked at different star constellations and used black paper, white crayons and gold stars to copy some of the constellations we might see in the sky.

In Maths we have been learning all about making pairs, doubling and odd and even numbers. The children enjoyed playing with our Noah's Ark boat and finding doubles of animals to go into the ark. Children also enjoyed playing with the dice to see if they could throw a 'double number.'

### **Homework**

Please continue to read daily with your child and write a comment in your child's yellow reading log. We have also set an E-Book on Oxford Owl for you to read with your child.

**Optional homework:** Please practise 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](#)

### **Thinking Thursday**

Every Thursday we provide a P4C (Philosophy for Children) stimulus for the children to discuss. This week our question is: Would you rather go to the bottom of the ocean or into Space? Why not try discussing this question with your child too!

As part of our spring term Love Project, we are once again supporting the Southwark Diocese Lent Call. The Bishop's Lent Call raises funds for local community projects in Southwark and the Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and Jerusalem. To support the Lent Call we are asking children to raise money through either giving something up or taking something up for the 40 days of Lent. We are encouraging children to collect sponsorship money for each day they manage this. This year Lent begins on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February and ends on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Please find a sponsorship form attached.

Please see overleaf for this term's diary dates.

We hope you have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Brooks and Mrs Kendall

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| <i>PTFA Bags2School Collection</i>     | <i>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February</i>                |
| <i>PTFA KS1 Disco (Yrs R-2)</i>        | <i>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - 16.00pm-17.00pm</i> |
| <i>St. David's Day - yellow shirt</i>  | <i>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March</i>                       |
| <i>St. Patrick's Day - green shirt</i> | <i>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March</i>                      |
| <i>SSA Parent and Carer Evenings</i>   | <i>W/C 18<sup>th</sup> March</i>                         |
| <i>Easter Concert</i>                  | <i>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 6.00pm-7.00pm</i>      |
| <i>Parent and Carer Evening</i>        | <i>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March - 3.30pm - 6.00pm</i>    |
| <i>Parent and Carer Evening</i>        | <i>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March - 3.30pm - 6.00pm</i>   |
| <i>Parent and Carer Evening</i>        | <i>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March - 3.30pm - 6.00pm</i> |
| <i>Easter Service Christ Church</i>    | <i>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - 9.30am</i>           |
| <i>PTFA Easter Egg Hunt</i>            | <i>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - 3.15pm-4.00pm</i>    |