



Year R Homework Letter - Friday 1st March

Phonics

We have continued to revise the phase 2 and phase 3 phonemes we have learnt since September. We have also been practicing our 'Harder to Read and Spell' words. These are words that have to be read by sight as they can't be segmented and blended. We would be really grateful if you can write down everytime you read with your child in their yellow reading log and keep your child's reading books in their bags. Many thanks in advance.

World Book Day: Thursday 7th March

Just a reminder that Thursday 7th of March is World Book Day. 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.

WonderDome

On Monday we enjoyed a visit from WonderDome - a mobile planetarium which complemented our learning on Space from last term. Stepping inside the WonderDome, the children got to experience the awe and the beauty of the Universe. The WonderDome created a truly magical learning environment for our children to discover the wonders of space. The show took the children on a tour of the planets and the hosts talked about the adventures of astronauts and the sheer power of rockets. It was an unforgettable experience and brought the the marvels of space we had been learning about it the classroom to life. Please see Tapestry and the school website for photos.

Vet Visit

Mrs Measures, a local vet (and also mum to Theo in Year 1) came into Reception class on Thursday afternoon to talk to the children about her job as a vet. She told us all about the different animals she has to care for on a daily basis and the sort of things she has to do in order to make them better, if they are ill or have been injured. She brought in lots of equipment to show the children. Mrs Measures also talked to the children about how to look after their own pets at home. Our 'Home Corner' this term has currently been turned into a veterinary surgery and it was great to hear the children using the vocabulary and knowledge they had learnt during Mrs Measure's visit in their imaginative play. Please see Tapestry for photos.

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 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](#)

Our Learning this week

Our topic this term is 'Come Outside.' This week our focus book has been 'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell. We have used this text as inspiration for our enhanced provision activities. The children were asked to make boxes to transport different zoo animals in. They used cubes to measure the different lengths of the toy animals in the pet shop. They also conducted a survey to find out which was the class's favourite zoo animal and recorded the results in a pictogram. In EAD the children were asked to paint pictures of zoo animals. We also looked at different animal patterns and used paint and different types of brushes recreate them.

World Book Day	Thursday 7 th March
St. Patrick's Day - green shirt	Monday 18 th March
SSA Parent and Carer Evenings	W/C 18 th March
Easter Concert	Thursday 21 st March 6.00pm-7.00pm
Parent and Carer Evening	Monday 25 th March - 3.30pm - 6.00pm
Parent and Carer Evening	Tuesday 26 th March - 3.30pm - 6.00pm
Parent and Carer Evening	Wednesday 27 th March - 3.30pm - 6.00pm
Easter Service Christ Church	Thursday 28 th March - 9.30am
PTFA Easter Egg Hunt	Thursday 28 th March - 3.15pm-4.00pm

Have a wonderful weekend.
Mrs Brooks and Mrs Kendall

