



Year R Homework Letter - Friday 26th April

Phonics

This week we began to look at phase 4 phonemes. We learnt some more about CCVC words and also the suffix *ed* which makes the /t/ sound. For example, *dropped*, *bumped*, *ripped*.

Our learning this week

This term our topic is 'Sea and Sand.' This week we have continued to read 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and have themed many of our classroom activities around the story. This week the children made seagulls out of paper plates, built lighthouses of varying sizes out of unifix blocks and painted coastal scenes using watercolours.

In Literacy lessons we are encouraging the children to increase their writing stamina. Over the last two weeks in their small, teacher-led Literacy groups, the children have been writing a synopsis of 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' using visual prompts. We have been trying to write sentences which include capital letters and full stops.

We have also been learning to sew this week, and have begun to make felt fish which will be displayed in our Art exhibition at the end of term.

In our 'Understanding the World' lesson we have been learning about Grace Darling. The children learnt the Grace Darling was the daughter of a Lighthouse Keeper, who heroically rescued the survivors from a shipwrecked paddle steamer off the coast of Northumberland.

Thinking Thursday

This week we asked the children to think about whether Mr Grinling, the Lighthouse Keeper, should have shared his sandwiches with the seagulls.

Wild Science reminder

On Tuesday 7th May, we have organised a visit from Wild Science for our Reception children. Contributions to the cost of this visit need to be paid via Scopay as instructed in the Parentmail you will have already received. 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 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](#)

Diary Dates

School Photographer - Group: Monday 20th May
PTFA Cinema Night: Monday 20th May - 3.15pm-5.30pm
PTFA Non-Uniform Day - Sweets For Summer Garden Party: Friday 7th June
PTFA Wear Own Shoes Day - Bottles for Summer Garden Party: Friday 21st June
EYFS Collective Worship: Wednesday 26th June - 9.05am
Hopathon: Wednesday 26th June
Sports Day Thursday 27th June
INSET Day: Friday 28th June
Art Exhibition: Monday 1st July - 1.30pm-4.30pm
Art Exhibition: Tuesday 2nd July - 3.15pm-4.30pm
Open Evening: Tuesday 2nd July - 3.15pm-4.30pm
Reserve Sports Day: Thursday 4th July 1.15pm-3.15pm
PTFA Summer Garden Party :Saturday 6th July -12.00pm-3.00pm
Summer Concert: Tuesday 9th July 6.00pm-7.00pm

Have a wonderful weekend.
The EYFS Team