



Year R Homework Letter - Friday 5th July

Phonics

In our Phonics lessons we have been consolidating all the Phase 5 phonemes we have so far learnt this term. We have also been revisiting all the 'Harder to Read and Spell' words we have learnt since the start of Reception. The children are continuing to make superb progress with their Phonics and have picked up the Phase 5 phonemes very quickly.

Our Learning this Week

This week the children have enjoyed imaginative play in our 'Doctor's Surgery.' We also set up a dentist-themed tuff tray in order for the children to explore teeth and dental hygiene. The children were encouraged to practise squirting toothpaste onto tooth brushes and cleaning the model teeth. There were also little mirrors on the tray for the children to look at their own teeth. Other activities this week in our enhanced provision included making and labelling a first aid kit; placing key body parts such as the brain, heart and lungs in the correct place on the body and making plaster casts for the dolls using Modroc.

This week we have been reading 'A Day in the Life of a Doctor' by Carol Watson. We discussed the features of non-fiction and information books and talked about how we knew the difference between a fiction and non-fiction book. In our literacy focus groups, we have continued to write the middle section of our own innovative versions of 'Cops and Robbers.'

In Maths we have been encouraging the children to work together to build bridges using the different construction materials around the classroom. We challenged the children to see who could build the longest bridge and also the strongest bridge. The children also needed to find a way to measure the length and the strength of each bridge.

Diary Dates

PTFA Summer Garden Party: Saturday 6th July - 12.00pm-3.00pm
Summer Concert: Tuesday 9th July 6.00pm-7.00pm

Homework

Please continue to read daily with your child and write a comment in their 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](#)

Tapestry

We have now stopped adding observations to Tapestry. Tapestry will be closed down at the end of term in readiness for the new Reception children joining us. If you would like to keep any of the observations, we would encourage you to download these before Friday 19th July.

Move-up day

The children enjoyed meeting their new teacher, Miss Gibbins on Wednesday and exploring the Year One classroom. We do appreciate that some children may feel anxious about moving up. This being the case we have started to do regular transition activities in class to ensure the children are ready for their next step.

Wellbeing Wednesday

On Wednesday 10th and Wednesday 17th July the children have a morning of PE with Pete, our external PE coach and Mrs Kendall. Please can you ensure that your child has their PE kits in school on these days, including trainers. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Brooks and Mrs Kendall

