



Year R Homework Letter - Friday 10th January

Welcome back to Spring term in Reception. It is lovely to see you all again – we missed you! Thank you so much for our wonderful Christmas gifts. We were so touched by your generosity and have enjoyed them immensely!

Phonics

This week we have been reviewing all the phonemes and Harder to Read and Spell words we have learnt so far. In addition to this we have learnt the phoneme 'oo' (short sound) as in book.

Our Learning this week

Our topic this term is 'Tickets Please!' During this term we will be learning about all different kinds of transport from both the past and present. This week in our enhanced provision children have been making road signs such as 'stop' to use in their role play. They have also been making mini traffic lights using lollipop sticks. In Maths we have been using 'bingo dabbers' and paper plates to practise subitising numbers 1 – 5. In our Literacy lesson, we have been reading the story 'On the Way Home' by Jill Murphy. This is the story of Claire, who has hurt her knee so she sets off home to tell her mum all about it. On the way she meets her friends in lots of different settings and tells them each a different story on how she got her scrape. Was she dropped by a wolf, a slithering snake, an enormous dragon, or a hairy gorilla?

Love Project for the Spring Term.

Following the excellent response over the last few years, we have once again decided to support the local charity Love Works as one of our half termly 'love projects.' Love Works is a food bank based in Merstham, but can also offer support with paying utility bills. To support Loveworks, we will be running our 'Tin A Week' project again. As the name suggests, we are asking children to bring in one item a week for five weeks. Our aim is to reach at least 500 items. Thank you in advance for your support. To find out more about Love Works please follow the link <http://www.loveworks.org.uk>

Homework

Please continue to read daily with your child and write a comment in your child's yellow reading log. Our aim is to now hear your child read twice a week. We will change the reading books during the first half of the week. Your child will also be read with on the same two days each week. We have also set an E-Book on Oxford Owl for you to read with your child.

Optional homework: We have provided a new set of phoneme cards and Harder to Read and Spell words. All of these will be covered over the course of this term. Please could you cut these cards up and place them in your child's plastic wallet. This week we have focused on the phoneme: oo (short sound) as in 'book.' We have included a link to help with the pronunciation of sounds: [Phonics: How to pronounce pure sounds | Oxford Owl - YouTube](#)

Mystery Reader

Thank you to all of you who have volunteered to be a 'myster reader' so far. The children really look forward to it every week. If you would like to be a 'mystery reader' in the Spring term, please can you email the office with your availability on a Friday. We will then confirm your date in an email.

Outside speakers

This term our topic is focusing on transport. If you or someone you know has a job which is connected with transport (train, bus, taxi driver, pilot, cabin crew etc..) and would be available to come into school to talk to the children about the job, we would love to hear from you. Please email the school office or pop a note in your child's contact book if you think you can help.

Junk Modelling request

In a couple of weeks we will be making our own boats using junk modelling. We particularly need plastic fruit punnets as we are going to try and make boats that float on water. If you have these at home, please could you save them for us. We also will be making boats out of junk modelling materials too, so we would be grateful for any donations of cereal boxes, yoghurt pots, kitchen roll tubes etc. Thank you in advance.

Please see below for key dates this term. We hope you have a restful weekend.

Mrs Brooks and Mrs Kendall.

PTFA Cinema Night	Friday 24 th January – 3.15pm-5.15pm
Year R & Year 5 Wonderdome Visit	Thursday 30 th January
Happy School Bag Collection	Thursday 30 th January
PTFA Quiz Night	Saturday 1 st February
PTFA KS1 Disco (Years R-2)	Friday 28 th February – 16.00pm-17.00pm – Hall
PTFA KS2 Disco (Years 3-6)	Friday 28 th February – 17.15pm-18.15pm – Hall
St. David's Day – yellow shirt	Friday 28 th February (Saturday 1 st March)
Wellbeing Wednesday Yr R	Wednesday 5 th March
St. Patrick's Day – green shirt	Monday 17 th March
Travelling Book Fair in School	Monday 17 th -Thursday 20 th March
World Poetry Day	Friday 21 st March
Sparkfish ThinkSpace	W/C Monday 24 th March
Parent and Carer Evening	Monday 24 th March -3.30pm - 6.00pm
Parent and Carer Evening	Tuesday 25 th March -3.30pm - 6.00pm
Parent and Carer Evening	Wednesday 26 th March -3.30pm - 6.00pm