

Newsletter 19 May 2017

**Mystery Reader**

Being a mystery reader is proving to be extremely popular. The children are really enjoying listening to their friends read to them and it is wonderful to see how confident they have become and how good they are at reading. If your child wishes to be a mystery reader, then practice a short favourite story at home with them and if you wish to be there when they read please speak to Mrs Dodd to confirm the date.

**New children**

We have two new friends joined us this week. They have settled very well and made lots of new friends. Please take time to introduce yourself to their families to make them feel welcome.

**Our Learning this Week**

In phonics both groups have been reviewing our existing sounds, tricky words and high frequency words each session. Mrs Heywood/Mrs Richardson's group have been developing their understanding of CVCC words (consonant, vowel, consonant, consonant). They have been looking at polysyllabic words and incorporating them into their sentence work. Mrs Dodd's group have worked on CVCC words within Phase 4 and developed our sentence work ensuring correct letter formation. We have been learning all about 3D shapes and their properties. We have looked around the classroom and all around school. Lots of active learning.

**New Baby**

We have a new member of our school family; Freddie has a new sister called Connie. We are absolutely delighted and it was lovely to see them on Wednesday morning.

**Junk Modelling materials**

Thank you for the boxes and tubes that have been coming into school this week the children have been very creative and made some adventurous models. Please continue to bring them into school as we will always need the materials replacing.

**Twitter**

Early Years are regularly tweeting "snapshots" of our day and exciting times and achievements. Please look as we are always super proud of our children and this is an excellent way for you to share this with us.

**Healthy Eating School**

We have noticed an increasing number of children bringing chocolate, sweets or crisps. We would appreciate your support in discouraging these snacks and providing your child with a healthy alternative, bearing in mind that we are a nut-free and kiwi-free school due to a number of our children having severe allergies. Fruit is always available throughout the day for snack.

**Stay and Play**

As always we were well supported with our morning of activities and fun. The children love to share their learning with everyone and it is nice to see how many of our families have become firm friends. Our next stay and play date is Monday 17 July.

### **Next Week**

Mrs Heywood/Mrs Richardson's group will continue to look at CVCC (consonant, vowel, consonant, consonant) words using the letter sounds from Phase 2 and Phase 3, letter formation and handwriting and sentence work. They will look at polysyllabic words and apply them in their phonics work. Mrs Dodd's group will continue to work on CVCC words within Phase 4; we will incorporate these words in our writing.

To consolidate our love of pirates, we will be finding lots of fun facts and information about pirates.

### **Homework**

Thank you to all our families who regularly read with their children. All our children have shown progress and they have grown in confidence. We really appreciate your support and it allows the children to read fluently and gain confidence.

As we have been learning all about 3D shapes, we would like you to go on a "fun shape hunt" for 3D shapes wherever you go over the weekend. Shapes are just about everywhere. We have focussed on cube, cuboid, sphere, cone, pyramid and prism. We will share these on the Thursday afternoon session.

## **Dates for your Diary**

**Thursday 25 May - Monday 5 June** Half Term holidays

**Friday 9 June** Celebration Assembly 2.45 pm

**Monday 26 June - Friday 30 June** SRE week

**Wednesday 12 July** KS1 Sports Day 9.30 - 11.30 (weather permitting)

**Monday 17 July** Celebration Assembly followed by Stay and Play

**Teddy Bears Picnic**

Have a lovely weekend.

**Mrs J Dodd**

**Mrs K Heywood**

**Mrs Z Richardson**