



Russet Class Newsletter 29.1.18



Book Fair



You should have received a flyer from The Travelling Book Fair on Friday, letting you know about our upcoming school book fair. This week the children will be able to browse books from the collection, which will be in school from Wednesday up until Tuesday next week. All books bought from the fair will help collect money for the school in commission, as explained in the letter sent home. We look forward to continuing to embed the children's love of reading through this whole school event, and thank you in advance for any books bought from the fair. You will be able to purchase books after school on Friday afternoon this week, and during Parent Consultation time on Tuesday next week.

School Displays

We have updated our Russet Class display board in the hall, so feel free to pop in and have a look at some of the children's current learning. The children decided to share some of their Healthy Living and Fitness work linked to our gym role play area - can they tell you about any of this learning at home? We think they would choose to keep their class gym forever, if possible - it's always a hive of activity!



Environment Agency Visit



On Wednesday this week, a visitor from the Environment Agency will be in school, to talk about water safety in the local area, linking with our Staying Safe learning in our PSHE lessons. We hope the children can share some of their new learning with you.

Our Learning this Week

This week we will introduce the sounds of ur, ow, and oi to Year R, for example, in hurt, down and coin. There are various spelling patterns for these sounds; please do not worry if your child suggests a word which is spelt differently, for example, worm, house and boy are all alternatives. At this stage, it is hearing the vowel sound, rather than knowing the correct spelling, which holds greater importance. Year 1 are now working on the correct spelling patterns in their phonic sessions, which they need to remember to apply in their written work. Year 1 will also be working on using their skills to write sentences from dictation, remembering to use their phonic, word and punctuation skills. Year R children will be getting used to having a go at some independent writing, now that they are starting to show greater confidence in their recall of phonic skills and letter shapes. In maths we will return to the concept of using and applying numbers to embed the children's knowledge of place value. Year 1 will work with numbers to 50 or 100 as able, and Year R with numbers to 20 and beyond as able. Any help in sequencing, recognising and writing numbers will be useful. The teens are often a little trickier for the children to gain confidence with. You may wish to write a selection of numerals onto post-its, then ask the children to sequence them correctly. Some online games linked to our number work which you may like to try:



<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/chinese-dragon-ordering>

<http://www.ictgames.com/dinoplacevalue.html>

http://www.ictgames.com/sharkNumbers/sharkNumbers_v5.html

Our Act of Worship theme for this week is linking a range of bible stories with our school value of respect, especially those linked with respecting our parents and elders. Father Paul will be making a visit on Friday to talk about this area with the children.

