



Russet Class Newsletter 19.2.18



Welcome Back!

We hope you have all enjoyed the break, and that the children are looking forward to their return to school. We will enjoy sharing our news as a class on Monday; no doubt the children will have fun getting back into school routine with their friends again.

Book Fair News

Thank you to those of you who made a purchase from the Book Fair over the last week of school. Your generous contributions enabled each class to have a £60 spend on new books for their class reading collections! The children shared these on the last day of school, and hopefully you will be able to see them in the class this week as one of our early morning table top activities. Many thanks again for all your support.



PE Sessions

We hope you have been able to check through your child's PE kit for any muddled belongings - feel free to return any extra items so we can get it back to the original owner. Some of the name labels were starting to come off, so hopefully you have been able to check that the items still have their names on. This term, we will have PE on a Monday morning and a Wednesday afternoon. We will be focusing on a dance topic, working alongside Mrs Tyler, our PE specialist, to help develop an Easter dance which the children will perform during the Easter church service at the end of the this term.



Family Church Service

Just a reminder that the Family Church Service will be taking place at St Margaret's church on Sunday morning, with an 11.00 start time. All families are welcome to attend - thank you to those from the class who have definitely said they will be attending. If you have a spare hour or so on Sunday, feel free to come along and join in.



Our Learning this Week

This week will see our last sound being introduced to Year R, which is the alternative spelling of the ur sound, focusing on er words such as her and ladder. This means you can keep your child's Sound Book at home once it has been updated this week, but please do try to use the letter tiles on a regular basis to help build up your child's phonic skills. Many thanks to Evie's mum for helping with the preparation of these books on a weekly basis! We will cover some alternative vowel spellings later in Term 5, but this term will involve lots of over-learning of the sounds already taught - especially to help embed the trickier sounds introduced recently. In English we will be writing recounts of our news, and Year 1 children will also be drawing upon their knowledge of editing to improve their use of sentence punctuation, along with finding any spelling mistakes, too. We will continue to link our new topic based learning with Florence Nightingale themed writing tasks, for example writing lists of medicines and instructions for good hygiene rules in a hospital. In maths we will find out about length and height, with all children taking part in estimating, measuring, comparing and ordering various items. Year 1 children should be able to draw and measure lines, accurately using a ruler, by the end of the week. A fun way to help at home is using tape measures and rulers to find the number in centimetres, measuring a range of things both indoors and outdoors. Our Act of Worship theme this week is based upon the central idea of God and ourselves as creators in the world. We will recap the creation story, along with thinking about how each of us is also a creator, using our unique gifts from God.

