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Reading Books

Thank you for your support with reading on a regular basis at home - it really is making a difference, and so many of our children are now reading with greater levels of confidence. Well done to all children for their hard work and perseverance on this area of learning. For those of you who enjoy accessing online resources, you may also be interested in sharing and reading e-books at:

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-owl/find-a-book/library-page>

You can use this website to find a free e-book at the correct colour level to suit your child - they may enjoy sharing books this way, too, as they are tablet friendly, too. To access them you just need to set up a free account with Oxford Owl. Enjoy e-reading!



World Book Day

As mentioned last week via our electronic parent mail system, we will not be dressing up for World Book Day this week, as this is when the Family Trust group will be filming in school. However, we will be taking part in lots of book activities. Please can all children bring in their favourite book from home, so that we can share them in class. Remember to write names in the front so we can return them safely at the end of the day - thank you!



School Trip

Just a little reminder to return any outstanding permission slips for our trip to Rochester Cathedral, which is taking place on Tuesday 13th March. I have had a few parents come and find me to offer their support as a parent helper - please note, we cannot have any younger siblings attending. If you are keen to help, please come and let Miss France or myself know. We will then make a decision with regard to final numbers needed in terms of adult to child ratios, and choose volunteers from a hat to keep the process fair. Thank you in advance for your help and understanding with this.



Our Learning this Week

This week we will revise all sounds taught, along with the words introduced already. The Sound Books can stay at home for use until further notice, as they should now be fully up to date. This term, we will be working on letter formation, which is an important part of our writing and physical development skills. This week we will work on the formation of a group of letters called the Ladder family, which include l, i, t, u, y and j. Year R children will bring home a handwriting task on Friday, for them to have a go at with you at home - and for you to see how we form our letters, too. Year 1 children will work on joining their writing and ensuring it is well spaced and of a correct size and orientation, as discussed during last term's consultation evenings. We will continue to link our writing with our new topic of Florence Nightingale and soldiers - the children really enjoyed setting up their role-play area last week; many thanks for all of your contributions! In maths we will be embedding the children's understanding of addition and subtraction, working on facts to 10 and 20 for Year R, and from 20 and beyond for Year 1, who will also encounter missing parts of a number sentence, for example, $17 + ? = 23$, or $27 - ? = 22$. Feel free to help at home by playing around with calculations, both practically, orally and written if you are happy to. Our Act of Worship theme this week is continuing with the theme of Creation, focusing on the world of famous art and music. Feel free to share different music styles at home. A popular classical piece in our class is Vivaldi's Four Seasons, which we often use in our science and artwork when thinking about the seasons.

