



Russet Class Newsletter 24.9.18



Thank you...



To our Year R families for attending parent consultation slots last week. I hope you found it as useful as I did to meet in a 1:1 situation. If you do have any queries or concerns, come and find either Miss France or myself. We are always around, and really enjoy working in partnership with our parents. A huge thank you also goes to FOCSS members for arranging the coffee afternoon last week. Please do try to support these events. Our school will be a central part of your child's life for the next seven years, and they are ideal opportunities for you to build up new parental friendships. There are so many things that we are grateful to our FOCSS committee for; they really do have a huge impact on each child during their time at school with their various fundraising, and would love to remain a strong and well attended group for the years to come.

Reading Book Reminders

Please can you sign the green reading record when you read with your child at home. We find it useful if you happen to make a comment on your child's reading, and it really is beneficial to make time to share a book with them everyday if possible. Sometimes before school the children are more awake and on task rather than after school, as I know some of our Year R parents have said the children are tired by the time they come home.



Topic Work



The children have settled well into our school routine, taking part in lots of activities to help build up friendships and confidence with this. As you already know, our role-play area is a toy shop at the moment. If you happen to have anything which you think may be suitable, for example unwanted toys that we can price up and add to our toy shelves, toy catalogues if you happen to be out in the town to grab some, and even any toy themed story books which we can share with the children, we will more than happily make use of them. We always talk to the children about handling the resources with respect, and taking care when using them. This week we are focusing on multicultural toys from around the world in our topic themed lessons, so if you happen to have anything linked to this which we can show the children, please do let us know. Thank you in advance for your help!

Our Learning this Week

Year R will now work on the letter sounds of s, a, t, p; thinking about words which start with these sounds (sock, ant, tin and pen as examples). Any practical sorting or I Spy games at home with these sounds will be really helpful. The children will start to write letter shapes, beginning to use the "Froggy Finger" style grip - ask if you need any help with this! Year 1 will continue to embed their use of phonics in reading and written work, using our cursive sound mats to help as required with correct letter formation. They will also take part in some autumn poetry work to develop their understanding of rhyming words and adjectives (describing words). In maths Year R will continue to work with numbers from 0 to 10, over-learning the skills already taught to build up a secure understanding. You may like to use:



<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/caterpillar-ordering> or

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/gingerbread-man-game>

All children will use the language of more/less/fewer/equal to/same as in spoken maths. Year 1 will continue with worded numerals, along with completing some reasoning activities. Our worship theme this week is centred upon Celebrating Colour in the world and how it is used in the bible. We will share the story of Noah with the children and find out about how God used the sign of a rainbow as His promise to keep the world safe.

