



## Russet Class Newsletter 29.10.18



### Welcome Back!

We hope you have all enjoyed the October break, and that the children are feeling ready for their return to school. We will continue to embed rules and routines with the children, and help them to extend and deepen their new friendships within the class. This term is always a busy one, with the build up to our Nativity Play, and of course, the onset of winter and Christmas - an exciting time of year for children to join in with, along with the teachers!

### Thank you...

For your support with fundraising from our PE skills day. The children really enjoyed themselves, and took a keen part in a wide variety of physical tasks throughout the day. Any sponsor money can be sent into class over the duration of this week.



### Outdoor Area Update

As you will see, our outdoor learning area is under going some changes at the moment. Huge thanks go to a band of parent helpers who came into school during the holiday to help with this project, along with Norman Collins, our caretaker, who donated the new and very impressive playhouse. We will look forward to making some further changes in the next few months, and will keep you posted with any requests for ways in which you may be able to help with this.



### Nursery Rhyme Challenge

Year R children will be taking part in a nursery rhyme challenge this term, to help develop not only their speaking skills, but also their understanding of rhyming and rhythmic patterns within language. We will send home more details towards the end of the week. You may like to visit: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/bookstart/families/what-bookstart-can-offer-you/the-rhyme-challenge/>



### Our Learning this Week

Year R will now work on the letter sounds of h, b, l and f this week; thinking about words which start with these sounds (hen, bat, log and fed as examples). They will also find out about ll, ss and ff at the end of a word, such as in hill, kiss and Biff. All children will take part in sharing their holiday news, and have a go at writing this into a simple sentence. Year 1 will be building their sentence skills to include the use of "and" in a sentence, but will need to ensure they have the correct use of capital letters and full stops in their writing too. We will also be looking at firework poetry towards the end of the week. Year R will learn a poem by heart - hopefully they can come home and perform it you over the weekend! Year 1 will extend their understanding of poetry by looking for rhyming words and adjectives in the text. Any kitchen / toilet tubes will be useful this week and next for some firework making craft, please. In maths we will be thinking about how groups of items can be combined to show simple addition, using the language of how many altogether, and what is the total? Year 1 will link this learning to number bond facts which make 10, and Year R will be using practical resources to find the total amount. Feel free to help at home by adding two groups of items, using the language mentioned above to talk through the process with your child. You may also like to play: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/mental-maths-train> , then select Addition up to 10 for Year R, or Bonds to make 10 for Year 1. Our worship theme this week is centred upon celebrating songs of praise through the Bible. We will also welcome some visitors from The Family Trust into school for a whole school worship assembly, which will be attended by Year R for the first time. **Lastly**...Please can all children bring a toy from home into school on Wednesday this week for a toy shop task? Thank you! ☺

