



Russet Class Newsletter 5.11.18



Thank you...

To those of you who were able to attend the Christmas Card sessions after school last week. The children really enjoyed themselves and it was great to see lots of families taking a part in this. Many thanks go to the FOCSS committee for arranging this event; we are sure the children will enjoy seeing their published cards.



PE Update

This term our PE sessions will take place on a Tuesday afternoon and a Friday morning. We will focus on dance skills linked with the movement of toys from Toy Story, using the school hall for both sessions. The children will work alongside a specialist PE teacher, Mrs Tyler, in each of our Friday sessions. Please can you ensure that no earrings (even studs) are worn on PE days. We will need to cover them if any children do wear them.



Poppy Collection

Many thanks to those of you who have already donated towards our school Poppy collection. The children will be able to buy them before and after school, and during the day when the older children bring them to our classroom. We will be talking to the children about the meaning of the poppies, and plan to make a class visit to St Margaret's church at the end of this week.



Toys from the Past

The children found out about toys from around the world last term. This term they are looking at toys from long ago. If you are able to send in any old toys, the children will enjoy being able to look at them. Last week we set up a museum so the children know not to touch the items as they may be very precious. If you do have any traditional games that we could play, like Shut the Box or any other wooden games, we would love to share them with the class. Let us know if you have anything we could borrow.



Our Learning this Week

In our phonic sessions this week the Year R children will work on the letter sounds of j, v and w; thinking about words which start with these sounds (jam, vet, wig as examples). They will also find out about x at the end of a word, such as fix and box. In other English work we will be learning about poetry linked to fireworks, and later in the week linked with Remembrance Day. The children will be thinking about rhythm and rhyme, with Year 1 learning about how to create rhyming couplets and suggesting their own adjectives to create a descriptive image. In maths we will be continuing with the theme of addition, and also introduce the concept of simple subtraction. Again, feel free to do this at home in your everyday routine. For example, one less fruit in the bowl is the same as taking one away. It's amazing how many opportunities there are for maths in everyday life! Year 1 will be finding out about number families, for example, knowing that $3 + 5 = 8$, so $5 + 3 = 8$ aswell. They will also learn about the inverse, finding out that $8 - 5 = 3$, and $8 - 3 = 5$. There's a great number online resource linked to this area, which can be played at:



<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/number-facts/number-fact-families>

Choose addition and subtraction from the main menu, then select up to 10. Our whole school worship theme this week is centred upon Remembrance, not only thinking about Remembrance Day, but also thinking about how our own memories are important to each of us, too, and how different memories can make us feel.

