



Russet Class Newsletter 12.11.18



Pupil Premium Funding

We spoke about the Pupil Premium funding scheme at our coffee morning for the Year R parents back in July. This is a government funded scheme to help with educational attainment for lower income families (usually the cut off is £16 190), and can be applied for at any time during the child's education - even if the lower income is only for a temporary period. For more help, you may like to look at:



<http://www.theschoolrun.com/pupil-premium-explained>

Feel free to pop into the office if you have any further questions or ask to speak with Mr Ryan if you wish to discuss your circumstances.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week, all children across the school will be thinking about the meaning of bullying, and how we can "Choose Respect" to prevent any bullying from happening; not only in our school, but also in the wider community. A survey published last week mentioned that some children see adults bullying one another in everyday lives, and of course this has an impact on learned behaviours, and whether the language or behaviour that adults show towards others are wholly appropriate. If you wish to find out more about this year's campaign, feel free to visit: <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2018-choose-respect>



Volunteer Update



Just to let you know, we have a new volunteer in our class. Mrs Parks is joining in with Russet Class on a Tuesday and possibly Thursday morning. She has already met the children, and has enjoyed getting to know them. Mrs Parks comes from a nursing background, and has kindly offered her own time to help out with class based activities. Whilst mentioning volunteers, huge thanks go to Amelia's mum and Loughlin's parents, who have been busy helping with making resources. Miss France and I are truly grateful!

Our Learning this Week

Year R children will work on the letter sounds of y, z and qu this week; thinking about words which start with these sounds (yes, zap, quiz as examples). They will also find out about zz at the end of a word, such as buzz and fizz. As mentioned above, this week sees the start of a National Anti-Bullying Week, focusing on choosing respect. We will make links with this within our English lessons this week, creating posters, writing speech bubbles and even working together to perform a video clip about anti-bullying. In maths we will continue to work on understanding addition and subtraction facts, with the children solving some written number sentences at different abilities. All children will continue to work on practical based learning, for example, playing skittles to discuss how many are left, linking with subtraction facts from 10. As they gain confidence, they will have a go at recording simple number sentences, such as $10 - 7 = 3$. If you are happy for us to borrow a set of skittles that you have at home, they will be well used by the children, rather than us sharing one class set. Thank you! Our worship theme this week is centred upon the meaning of Respect, and all children will be taking part in some whole school activities to help with their understanding of this.



Finally... We will be taking part in some Pudsey activities on Friday this week, to help raise money for Children in Need. Please remember that Friday is a non-school uniform day, for a minimum donation of £1. We are sure the children will enjoy raising money by purchasing a cake or two from the cake sale - please remember to send some in! 😊 Thank you!