



Russet Class Newsletter 21.1.19



Salt Dough for our Bakery

The children worked really hard in class last week to make a selection of items for their Pudding Lane bakery. If you would like to help out by making some more salt dough bakery items at home, then the recipe that we used can be found at:

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/how-make-salt-dough-recipe>

They enjoyed painting them on Friday, and we will be varnishing them this week.

Any help with this task will be greatly appreciated, as the children are getting great use out of the role-play area. Thank you in advance if you can help with this fun plea! ☺



New School Website

We hope you have been able to make a visit to our new school website. This has been updated over the past few weeks. Hopefully it is a little easier to navigate. Head to our Russet Class page to find planning and photos of our learning. I will try to add new photos every now and again so that you can get a glimpse of what we do in school, along with some useful links wherever possible which will be easy for the children to access.



Our Learning this Week

This week we will introduce the sounds of ai, ee and igh to our Year R children, for example, in the words wait, sleep and night. Please do not worry if the children suggest other words which are spelt differently, for example they may suggest late, bead or kite. We let the children know it is the same sound, with a trickier spelling that they will find out about at a later stage. Come and ask if you need any reassurance! In English lessons we will be continuing to make links with our Great Fire of London topic work, encouraging the children to write in simple sentences whilst still using their phonic and word skills to help gain confidence with independent writing. Year 1 children will also be finding out about the meaning of verbs (action words), nouns (names of things), suffixes (ing, er, est) and prefixes (un) to develop their word level skills. In maths we will return to the concept of using and applying numbers to embed the children's knowledge of place value. Year 1 will work with numbers to 50 or 100 as able, and Year R with numbers to 20 and beyond as able. Any help in sequencing, recognising and writing numbers will be useful. The teens are often a little trickier for the children to gain confidence with. You may wish to write a selection of numerals onto post-its, then ask the children to sequence them correctly. Some useful online games linked to our number work which you may like to try are:

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/chinese-dragon-ordering>

<http://www.ictgames.com/dinoplacvalue.html>

http://www.ictgames.com/sharkNumbers/sharkNumbers_v5.html

Our Act of Worship theme for this week is continuing to think about the theme of light in the Bible. The children will be thinking about light which reflects, and how we can reflect Jesus' light to bring joy and love to the world.



Just a reminder...

Please remember that Friday this week is a Staff Training Day, so there is no school for children! Enjoy the long weekend if you are able to do so - we're sure that the children will enjoy having an extended weekend! ☺

