



Russet Class Newsletter 4.2.19



Russet Class Display

It was the turn of Russet Class to update the main corridor display through the double doors at the back of the building this term. Come along to see the work the children have been up to, linking with the Great Fire of London. There was a real sense of excitement from the children on Friday morning when they spotted it - we hope you enjoy looking at their work as much as the children did! Well done to the children for all their hard work. Many thanks also to Miss France and Miss Tomlinson for giving up their time after school to help complete this.



Church Service

Well done to the children for taking such a keen part in the Family Church Service this weekend. Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the service; we hope the children impressed you with their singing and other contributions to the service.



Our Learning this Week

This week we will introduce the sounds of or and ar to Year R, for example, in fork, storm, park and star. We will also introduce the sound of oo, which can make two sounds: a short oo as in book, took, hook; along with a longer oo sound as in moon, spoon, tools. Please return the Sound Books this week so that our parent helpers can update them for the children with their new letter tiles linking to these sounds. A reminder to Year 1 families that the Year 1 children will have their first spelling test on Friday this week, linking to their word list sent home last week. We will send home a copy of their results so that you can help your child with any errors. In English this week, all children will take part in some winter themed story writing linked to the training that staff recently received on our Inset Day. We look forward to working on this area with the children, and hopefully they will be able to talk to you about their story ideas throughout the week. In maths we will continue with the area of place value, linking with more, less, tens, ones, and also what comes next in a sequence, along with identifying where there is a mistake in a number sequence. Some more online games linked to our number work which you may like to try, in addition to the popular Shark game from last week, include:

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

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/place-value-basketball>

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

This week is also Internet Safety week, so hopefully the children can tell you how to use the internet safely at home. It will be a good opportunity to build in some discussions at home about using the internet at home alongside an adult and in a safe way. You may like to visit:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2019> for some useful ideas.

Our Act of Worship theme for this week is thinking about light revealing hope. We will discuss the story of Blind Bartimaeus, along with thinking about how the imagery of light can bring hope to darkness. In our other RE work this week, the children will find out about the story of the Lost Sheep, and the deeper meaning of this story for Christians. We often have lots of discussion in our RE lessons, so hopefully the children will be able to talk to you about the story after coming home on Wednesday this week. Perhaps you could share the story at home from a child's Bible, and talk about the meaning alongside them.

