



Russet Class Newsletter 11.2.19



Parent Consultations

I am looking forward to sharing your child's successes during your parent consultation appointments on Tuesday and Thursday this week. We will also discuss the next steps with regard to your child's learning, sharing suitable targets for them to work on. Please wait in the hall, where I will collect you at the ten minute allocated intervals.



All children will have a collection of work in the hall for you to look through. Feel free to arrive early so you have plenty of time to look at their work - they've definitely been busy!

Book Fair



You should have received a flyer in your child's bag on Friday, advertising our school Book Fair. The children will have an opportunity to browse the books on Tuesday in class time. The Book Fair will be open on Tuesday and Thursday after school, combining with the timings for Parent Evenings. We hope you are able to support this whole school event by purchasing a book or two. We are always very fortunate to receive commission from the total sales. This is then divided by the four classes who are then able to choose new books.

Our Learning this Week

This week we will introduce the sounds of ur, ow, and oi to Year R, for example, in hurt, down and coin. There are various spelling patterns for these sounds; please do not worry if your child suggests a word which is spelt differently, for example, worm, house and boy are all alternatives. At this stage, it is hearing the vowel sound, rather than knowing the correct spelling, which holds greater importance. The Year 1 children should be gaining confidence with these alternative spelling patterns, as they have been covering them in their phonics lessons. In other English work, we will be completing the stories from last week, which we will put in a folder for you to have a look at later in the week. The children loved completing this task, especially with putting the actions into each sentence to help them remember the order of the story. We will also take part in some sentence writing work to see if the children are able to apply their phonics, letter shapes and sentence punctuation when working independently. In maths we will be coming back to the area of addition and subtraction. The Year R children will take part in learning about this with practical resources to combine amounts or take items away, and also look at example of pictorial number sentences. Feel free to join in at home, using toys or a selection of household items to add and subtract with. All children will find out about the signs of + - and = , and learn how to use them in a written number sentence, such as $7 + 4 = 13$. Year 1 children will be developing their fluency with this skill by solving a range of addition and subtraction facts to 20, and will also be expected to use their knowledge to solve missing number sentences, such as $20 - ? = 12$, by thinking about how to apply their number bond knowledge. A useful online game linked to missing number sentences can be found at:



<http://www.ictgames.com/funkyMummy/index.html>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Our Act of Worship theme for this week is based on learning about Christians who have taken the light of Christ on a journey across the world.

Friday will see the end of Term 3, which marks the fact that we are officially half way through the academic year. It always amazes us how quickly the time passes in school! We finish school at the usual time of 3:15 on Friday afternoon, and wish you all a happy half term!

