



Russet Class Newsletter 4.3.19



Reading Books

Thank you for your support with reading on a regular basis at home. We hope the children are enjoying their bookmarks which they designed last term, using the questions to deepen their understanding. For those of you who enjoy accessing online resources, you may also be interested in sharing and reading e-books at:

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-owl/find-a-book/library-page>

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World Book Day

On Thursday this week it is World Book Day. Although we will not be dressing up for this event, we will be taking part in lots of book activities. Please can all children bring in their favourite book from home on Thursday, so that we can share them in class.

PE Change of Day

Just a quick message for those of you who like to know when we have PE so that your child wears easier polo shirts rather than formal shirts; Mrs Tyler has changed her PE slot to Monday for the next 3 weeks. Our other slot will take place on a Tuesday.

We will be doing games outside this term. Feel free to send in jogging bottoms and Velcro fastening trainers, as these can be grippier than plimsolls when outside.



Our Learning this Week

This week we will revise all sounds taught, along with the words introduced already. The Sound Books can stay at home for use until further notice, as they should now be fully up to date. This term, we will be working on letter formation, starting this week with the formation of a group of letters called the Ladder family, which include l, i, t, u, y and j. Year R will bring home a handwriting task on Friday, for them to have a go at with you at home, and for you to see how we form our letters, too. Year 1 will work on joining their writing and ensuring it is well spaced and of a correct size and orientation. In other English work we will link our writing to St David, Lent and Book Day, taking part in a range of writing genres, from ingredients needed for a pancake, to retelling the story of St David, which we shared on Friday. In maths we will be working on number sequences, counting forwards and backwards in a range of patterns including 1s, 2s, 10s and also the trickier sequence of 5s for Year 1. We will look at missing numbers in a sequence, such as 6, 8, 10,, 14 and then use correct number formation to fill in missing numbers. Year 1 will use the language of multiplication, for example $3 \times 2 = \dots$ and $5 \times \dots = 25$ (we use the words times, multiply and lots of with the multiplication sign). The children will also learn how pictorial arrays can show multiplication. A great way of making arrays for the 2 times table at home is by placing objects into a 12 carton egg box, eg to show 3×2 you arrange the objects as shown in the photo, and then the children count in 2s by tapping the objects in pairs to say, "2, 4, 6, $3 \times 2 = 6$ ". Come and ask if you have any questions! Our Act of Worship theme this week is reflecting on the Sea as calm and unchanging. Father Paul will be in school on Tuesday. We will also find out about how Shrove Tuesday is celebrated around the world.



Finally... just a reminder that Year R will be performing their Rhyme Time learning on Friday. Only Year R family members need to attend this, coming into the school office at 2:45. Please return the slips this week so that we know who to expect.

