



## Russet Class Newsletter 11.3.19



### Well done...

To the Year R children who absolutely loved performing their Rhyme Time songs to our audience of family members in class on Friday afternoon. We hope they were pleased with their certificates; they all worked incredibly hard on learning the range of nursery rhymes, songs and chanting poems taught. Thank you for all your help at home with this, too.



### NSPCC Assembly



On Tuesday this week, the children will be attending an assembly which is being led by the NSPCC. The theme of the assembly is Speak Out, Stay Safe. We will be talking with the children about who they are able to talk to if they feel uncomfortable with anything, or have any worries and concerns. Perhaps you can take time to talk with your children at home about this too. More details were shared on the whole school newsletter last week, with suitable links to the NSPCC website.

### Maths Skills

Last week I shared some information about supporting reading at home, via the Oxford Owl online resource. This week I thought I would share some maths games with you, which the children use at school, so they should be familiar with them already:



<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting> (use any of categories)  
<http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html> (again, feel free to explore the whole website)  
<http://www.doorwayonline.org.uk/literacy/letterformation/> (useful for number formation)  
<http://www.mathplayground.com/games.html> (children may need some help with this website)  
<http://mathszone.co.uk/> (a vast range of games for you to play together)

However, within maths there is a real focus on being able to **talk with confidence** about the concepts, too, so please take time to join in with number and shape problems at home, to help with your child's use of language. For example, you may use the language of measuring when cooking or carrying out DIY tasks, or develop your child's awareness of counting in 2s when pairing up socks together. There really is a number, shape or pattern link in everything we do, and the children really enjoy learning about these areas. Have fun! ☺

### Our Learning this Week

This week Year R will continue to revise and apply their phonic knowledge taught so far, along with reading a selection of nonsense words, too. For example, the children should be able to read z-i-b and sh-ai-f through application of their phonic skills. In handwriting we will look at the formation of robot letters, including r, n, m, h, b, p and k. Hopefully Year R enjoyed using their Letter Formation books with you at home. Please return them by Wednesday so we can update them with the new letters. In other English work the children will be retelling the story of St Patrick, and completing their book review of their favourite book so that we can update our class Reading Garden display. In maths we will be introducing the concept of sharing items equally, linking with the skill of division. The children will take part in lots of practical work, and will also find out that sharing by 2 is the same as halving. Year 1 children will be solving number sentences linked to this area, for example,  $6 \div 2 = 3$ , by using their knowledge of times tables to help with this process. Please continue embedding the times tables of 2, 10 and 5 at home, so that the children can gain greater confidence with this. Our Act of Worship theme this week is learning about bible stories linked with a stormy and wild sea. The children will learn about how Jesus calmed the storm in our class worship. Feel free to read along at home.

