



## Russet Class Newsletter 25.3.19



### Just to say...

Well done to the children for showing such great enjoyment in their school disco last week. It was great to see them having so much fun in this exciting event, and Mr Ryan and myself were really pleased with how well behaved all of the children were. Many thanks to the FOCSS team for helping to run this event.



### Thank you...

For showing your support at the Cake Sale on Friday afternoon last week. This was to help raise money for the NSPCC, who recently came in and spoke with the children about being able to Speak Out and Stay Safe.



### PE Reminder

The children are taking part in outside PE lessons whenever possible this term, working on their ball skills. Feel free to send in jogging bottoms for them to wear to help with staying warm, if your child does not already have these in their PE bag.



### Our Learning this Week

This week we will continue to link our English learning to the central theme of Spring. We hope the children's new class mural impresses you as you come into our class this week - they really enjoyed completing this collaborative artwork on Friday afternoon. In our phonic sessions, Year R children will look at words which contain more than one syllable. For example, the children should now be able to read words such as lightning, farmyard, windmill and chimpanzee, through application of their skills. They will also be encouraged to write some of these words, using their spelling knowledge of phonemes already taught. Year 1 children will continue to work on embedding their sound and word knowledge, along with working on a selection of real and nonsense words to help with preparation for the Year 1 phonics screening test, which will take place in June. You may like to play:



<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures/cvc/whirl/game.shtml> or  
<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/PicnicOnPluto.html>

This week we will look at the formation of caterpillar letters, including c, o, a, d, g, and q. Please remember to return the Letter Formation books for Year R on Wednesday as usual, so that these can be updated. In maths we will find out about length and height, with all children taking part in estimating, measuring, comparing and ordering various items into size order. By the end of the week, Year 1 children should be able to draw and measure lines through accurate use of a ruler. A fun way to help at home is using tape measures and rulers to find the number in centimetres, measuring a range of things both indoors and outdoors. The children will also find out about non-standard measures, too, for example, how many Lego bricks high is a teddy, or how many paperclips long is a banana. Again, these are activities that you can join in with at home, talking to the children about their findings. Perhaps you can even measure the height of each of your family members, building up their understanding of numbers over a metre. Finally, our Act of Worship theme this week is focused on the concept of symbols from the sea. The children will also take part in learning about the Easter story.

