

## **Russet newsletter – Term 5 Week 1**

Welcome back to Term 5, last week we had a good first week back. The children spotted a few changes in the classroom – our storytelling castle, the newly organised reading garden and Year 1 area. This term we will be thinking about telling and then writing stories, using our clear speaking skills, so these areas will be well used.

We have also started guided reading with the children. This gives the children the opportunity to read aloud and talk about books with each other in small groups. As well as focusing on breaking down and sounding out words, we will also be asking questions such as:

- What do you think might happen next in the story?
- What happened in the story?
- What is your favourite part of the story? Why?
- Is this story like any other books that you have read?

### **Sunscreen and hats**

As we are starting the summer term and the children do work outside, a reminder about sun protection - if you would like to please bring in a labelled bottle of sun screen to be kept at school. We will remind the children to put this on themselves and not to share it with others. Also please bring in a named sun hat.

### **Focus this week**

In English we will be starting to learn and retell the story of The Little Red Hen; thinking about parts of the story that we liked and drawing a story map to help us tell the story. At home you could ask the children which stories they like and why (see questions above). In Maths we will be continuing the work around numbers. For Year R we will be counting and ordering numbers up to 20, especially counting backwards from 20 – a few ideas for supporting counting at home. For Year 1 we will be ordering numbers up to 100 and matching words with numerals (e.g. thirty four and 34). In topic our focus will be introducing flags from around the world and creating bunting to add to our castle. If you have any flags from different countries at home please bring them in!

### **Year 1s start of day**

In preparation for the transition into Pippins Class the Year 1 children will have a slightly different start to the school day. Starting next week please can all Year 1 children arrive at school at the normal time but go to the large playground with the rest of Key Stage 1 instead of coming into the classroom. When the bell goes they will need to make their Russet Class line (they should know where this is!) and we will collect the children from the playground at 8.55. We will then remind the children to change their books and get ready for the school day.