

## Russet newsletter – Term 5 Week 2

Last week we had lots of fun getting back into the swing of school. We started thinking about the story The Little Red Hen. We used our senses to describe some fresh, white bread; smelling, feeling and tasting it. We also learnt and retold the story, then started to write the story. We will be sharing some of this writing with the rest of the school in assembly this week. In maths we focussed on counting backwards, as well as finding 1 more and 1 less than a number.

### Focus this week

In English we will be thinking about how to improve the story of The Little Red Hen - adding in adjectives to describe the setting and characters. Adjectives are words that describe a noun.

the **beautiful** butterfly

a **tasty** meal

**sunny** Spain

You can help your child by:

- Reading – sharing stories together is a powerful way to learn about grammar and develop story language. The children read to you (school's reading books) and you can read to them (perhaps a favourite children's story). Can you spot any good describing words?
- Encouraging them to use adjectives in conversation, perhaps commenting on what a 'beautiful, crisp, bright morning' it is on the way to school?
- I spy. Instead of using the familiar 'I spy with my little eye something beginning with...'. Try saying 'I spy with my little eye something that is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_' – inserting two adjectives as clues.

In Maths we will be continuing the work around numbers. For Year R we will be thinking about adding and subtracting numbers up to 20. Year 1s will be using the words 'more than, less than, equal to' to compare numbers up to 100.

In PE will be continuing to work on our running skills, especially running at a pace rather than sprinting. We have also taken on a challenge from PASS to see how we can improve our skipping, so any practising with a skipping rope at home will help improve these skills!

### Year 1s - start of day

Remember – please can Year 1 children go to the large playground with the rest of Key Stage 1. When the bell goes they will need to make their Russet Class line and then we will collect them from the playground.

### Year 1s – phonics quiz and packs

The phonics packs, to support with the Year 1 phonics screening/quiz, will be sent home this week. A big 'thank you' goes to the volunteers who helped to put these packs together. This will be the main homework for the Year 1 children for the next few weeks. If possible, please try to keep these packs together, as we will be asking for them to be returned to school in June after the phonics quiz. This is so they can be used again next year.