

Russet newsletter – Term 5 Week 3

Last week we had a good week trying out lots of exciting things; being explorers like Christopher Columbus, being authors by sharing our writing with the school and being number experts by finding more than/less than a number or by adding numbers together by counting on.

The children were particularly excited by a strange object which arrived in the classroom – they thought it could be a treasure chest, a time machine or maybe a home for spiders... It turned out to be a very old, rusty, dusty, damaged, red lantern – lots of great adjectives were heard around the classroom!

Focus this week

In early morning work we will be setting up a guessing jar (on the table nearest the door). Please encourage your children to guess how many objects are in the jar, but no counting! We will count and check later in the morning.

In English we will be thinking about how we can look after and take care of our world, as well as our classroom. We will be thinking about how we can re-use plastics, recycle materials as well as reducing the resources we use in the classroom. Then we will make some signs for the classroom to help us remember these ideas. You could talk with your children about the idea of 'reduce, reuse, recycle'.

In Maths we will be continuing the work around numbers. For Year R we will be thinking about subtracting numbers up to 20 and beyond. Year 1s will be finding one more and one less than a number up to 100 in a variety of different ways.

For Year R: Please find attached a home learning challenge with ideas for supporting addition and subtraction at home. It is important that children become confident in using numbers in a wide variety of contexts; however these activities can be extended by using numbers up to, and then beyond, 20.

In Science we will be looking at our topic of animals and classification; in particular, mammals. Can your child tell you about mammals? Can they name any mammals?

Our worship theme at the moment is 'respect and equality'. We are celebrating the differences between us and discussing how we are similar too.

Year 1s – phonics quiz and packs

Please keep using these phonics packs at home, as this can really make a difference with the children's confidence in phonics sessions – especially with real and nonsense words. Many thanks.