

## Russet newsletter – Term 5 Week 4

Last week we had an exciting week, trying a range of skills; cookery skills with baking African animal biscuits, ICT skills with using the 2Simple software on laptops to draw flags and our PSHE skills by thinking about how we can be more environmentally friendly. We will be having a paper recycling bin in the classroom soon and will be encouraging the children to use it. Hopefully you will be able to spot some of the signs around the classroom about how we can look after the classroom too.

In Maths the Year Rs focussed on subtraction; finding a number by counting back from a number – building on the counting backwards from 20 which we have been practising over the last few weeks. The Year 1 group focussed on finding 1 more and 1 less than a number, often going over a 10's number (e.g. find 1 more and 1 less than 70).

### Focus this week

In English we will be concluding our work on The Little Red Hen. This week the children will be planning a new version of the story, using the story map to help them with this. Then we will be writing these new versions over a few days, thinking carefully about the range of writing skills we have been learning over the last few weeks, such as:

- sounding and blending
- spelling tricky words such as **who, me, little, early, one, once**
- including adjectives
- linking ideas using words such as **and, so, because**

In Maths we will be moving on to looking at shape, space and measures – in particular looking at height, weight, 2D and 3D shapes. We will be encouraging children to use a range of vocabulary and it would be interesting to know whether the children are using these words at home too. Please let Miss France, or myself, know if they use:

taller	shorter	longer	bigger
smaller	heavier	lighter	curved
straight	sides	corners	round

### Year 1s – phonics quiz and packs

Once again, please continue using these phonics packs at home, particularly over the half term break. Many thanks.

### Term dates

A reminder that we break up for Spring Half Term this Friday (24<sup>th</sup> May). As we have in INSET day on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, children will be returning to school on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June**.