



'Spurring each other on with love'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our focus is homes. We will be thinking about where we live, who we live with, our houses and how we get to school.

Literacy

In Literacy we will be reading 'In Every house on Every Street' by Jess Hitchman. We will be talking about what we do in each room of our house and our favourite rooms. We will also be looking on Google Earth and talking about where we live. Once we have found Woolwell, we will be locating school and talking about what is around our school ie: the park, shops, community centre.

Phonics

This week we are starting Read Write Inc. The children will be learning the sounds m, a, s, d and t. They will be introduced to one letter a day, in the order shown above. The children will be taught the sound each letter makes ie: m for mum, rather than the letter name. We will think of and say words that begin with each sound, the initial letter, and begin to learn how to write these letters. Please help your child at home by talking about the sound we have learnt each day. Can they think of things or find things that begin with that sound? Have a go at forming each letter. A fun way to do this is with paint, a stick in the mud / sand or in the steam on the shower screen.

On Wednesday, we will be hosting a phonics meeting, in the main hall. We will go through how we teach phonics and how you can support at home. We have a few booklets to hand out. If you are unable to make the meeting do not worry as the PowerPoint will be added to the school website and the booklets / leaflets can be collected the next day from us. This is for parents only. The children will be able to stay in the foundation unit and be supervised by Mrs Bond and Mrs Greenslade. The children will be sent out at the end of the day as usual. Any children that are then staying can be sent back in via the Red Bears entrance. Parents can then make their way to the side entrance of the main hall and take a



seat.

The following links are for phonics videos covering the sounds we are learning. They are short video lessons recapping what we have covered in class. If you would like to look at them at home, it will support your child's learning. Please don't rush ahead, only do one sound a day, starting on Monday with 'm'.

M - <http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/gC9qM3cR/CpHDb2kl>

A - <http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ZJ25mQZz/JckBNgjC>

S - <http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/UknVKEMj/4qb66xG0>

D - <http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/KW7wM4fS/yIjnAdwV>

T - <http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/DOSMKkLF/CPiT5lct>

Fred Talk game - <http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/495KBLnV/YoAEuQYR>

Numeracy

In maths we will be focusing on sorting and matching. The children will be finding matching buttons and socks. We will be encouraging them to explain why and how they match or don't match. We will then be sorting various objects and talking about how we have chosen to sort them.

Other areas:

- In PE, the children will be developing their listening skills whilst travelling in different ways around the hall. Our PE slot is on Friday. Please may we remind you that children are not allowed to wear earrings in PE, these will need to be removed before school. If they have earrings in, they will unfortunately have to sit out of the lesson. This is for health and safety reasons.
- Using Google maps and Digimaps to find where we live.
- Writing our names.
- Talking about our school vision and how we can spur one another on with love with Miss Freeman.
- Drawing houses, looking carefully at the features and shapes.
- Using the interactive board with Mr Cooper.
- Hearing and writing initial sounds.
- Exploring the numicon ie: noticing the colour, the holes and the shape.

Reminders:

- Please make sure all uniform, coats and book bags are named, including shoes.
- Merits - At the back of the home school diaries there is a page for merits. The children are awarded a merit when they have worked really hard, met one of their targets or have really impressed us with an aspect of their learning. Once they get 10 they are presented with a certificate. They then start working towards the next colour certificate. The children have already started being awarded merits. They get very excited when they receive one.
- Library books are changed on a Monday so need to be in the bags on that day.
- Children should not have nail varnish on at school.
- You should all now have access to Tapestry. We send home any observations we have made at the end of the week. Please add any WOW moments that happen at home to Tapestry, these could be in the form of a video



or picture. We get a notification of this and will then share these with the children and celebrate them. Examples of areas you could add to Tapestry are, learning a new skill like riding a bike, swimming achievements, having a go at writing, number activities and games, singing songs etc.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to come and see us!

Best Wishes from the Foundation Stage Team

Red Bears - Mrs O'Toole, Mrs Bond, Mrs Slade and Miss Davies.

Blue Bears - Mrs Vanstone, Mr Cooper, Mrs Greenslade and Miss Christian

