



*'Spurring each other on with love'*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

For the next few weeks, we will be focusing on real life superheroes, starting with the fire brigade. If you work in any of the following professions (fire brigade, police, military, vet, ambulance, doctor, nurse etc) and would like to come and talk to the children or show them some resources, we would be extremely grateful. Please get in touch with Mrs O'Toole or Mrs Vanstone.

In literacy, we will be:

- Introducing the red words **I, my, the**.
- Looking at non-fiction books about fire fighters. We will be using what we find out to ask and answer questions.
- Labelling pictures of fire engines and fire fighters. We will be encouraging the children to sound out the words very slowly, so they can hear and then write the sounds in the labels.

In numeracy, we will be:

- Practising our subitising to 5 skills. If you would like to try this at home the following is a link to one of the songs we are doing in school this week.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSIA-u\\_ABmU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSIA-u_ABmU)
- Sorting representations of 4 and 5.
- The following link has a few sorting and ordering games, please only go to 5.  
[The Gingerbread Man Game - Counting, Matching and Ordering game](#)

Phonics:

This week, we will be continuing to fill the children's gaps in their sound knowledge and working on blending sounds to read.



Mrs Bond's RWI group should have bought a blending book home with them last Friday. Please work through this book with your child, sounding out and reading each word before checking on the next page. You could also pick a few and ask the children to write them, encouraging them to hear all 3 letter sounds. This week they are also recapping v, y, w, z and x before going onto learning special friends the following week. The following is a word time link to have a go at, at home.  
<http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/xsFcMxpK/gltkkTeC>

Mrs Vanstone's group - This week, the children will be recapping e, l, h, r, j. Please use the QR codes that we sent home. They will also be working on blending sounds to read. The following is a word time session to have a go at, at home.  
<http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/bBNlzlOn/uXalOjZa>

Mrs Greenslade's group - children in this group will be recapping e, l, h, r, j. Please practise these sounds at home and have a go at the following blending sessions. The following is a word time session to have a go at, at home.  
<http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/bBNlzlOn/uXalOjZa>

Mrs O'Toole's group - This week, the children will be recapping i, n, p, g, o. Please practise these sounds and have a look at the following Fred Talk games. Use the QR codes sent home last week for the video lesson.  
<http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/52lbdJK/3z9XBilv>  
<http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/XgOjPp9d/VgXWklI3>

#### Other areas:

- Drawing fire engines.
- Role playing being fire fighters.
- Comparing fire engine through the years.
- Talking about The Great Fire of London.
- We will be talking about Remembrance Day.

#### PE kits:

- Please can you ensure your child has a full PE kit in school. There are still a few children who do not have a kit in school at all or who are missing plimsolls or their coloured team t-shirt. They also need a tracksuit for when we go outside for PE. This should be blue or black. We are now getting changed for PE each week.

#### Tapestry:

- We have been notified by Tapestry that some parents account activation has now expired. If you would still like to access Tapestry and didn't get an activation email or couldn't find it, please come



and see us as we can send this link again.

### Reading:

- Library books - please share these with your child. Talk about what they liked and disliked, make predictions about what might happen and discuss the characters. Please also spend some time exploring any new vocabulary that comes up within the book.
- Blending books - if your child came home with a blending book last Friday they should practise this at home, building up fluency. A good idea with the blending books is to copy out the words onto bits of paper, muddle them up and see if the children know them. The children often memorise the order of the words in the book, it appears that they know them but once muddled up they have to sound them out again. The aim is for the children to know the words and not need to sound them out.
- Books should be sent back in on Friday after which they will be given a new one.
- Over the rest of this term, more children will be bringing home a blending book or a ditty sheet. They are only given a book or ditty sheet once they have retained a certain number of letter sounds and can blend sounds orally.

### Homework

- Name writing practise.
- Number formation practise.

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 and Miss Davies

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

