



Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, the children have settled beautifully back into school life, and we have enjoyed hearing all about their Christmas adventures! Following our sizzling starter of the fire fighters visiting, we will continue our learning about fire safety and people who help us next week.

Phonics:- We will be learning the phoneme (sounds the letters make): **ar, ur, oo, or**. Please continue to recap the new sounds with your child, as well as, the sounds they have previously learnt. Please ensure your child is reading at home every day and you are signing their reading record book.

Maths:- We will be encouraging children to continue to represent quantities in different ways, including by showing amounts on 1 hand 'all at once'. There will also be a new focus on the symbolic representation of numbers and the children will work on their recognition of numerals to 5, matching numerals to correct quantities in various games.

People Who Help Us- As part of our topic we invite any parents who would like to, to come into school and talk to the children about their jobs. We would particularly appreciate any police officers, doctors or nurses who may be able to come in and visit.

Forest School- This Thursday the children will be starting their first Forest School session which will take place every week until half term. Please find attached a copy of the Forest School letter with information about what they need to wear.

At home you could:

- Practise the new phonemes in a variety of ways eg spotting them in books, sticking them around the house and saying them when you walk past, saying a phoneme and asking your child to splat them.
- Continue to practise reading and recognising the high frequency words at the back of the children's diaries
- Support your child in developing their fine motor skills by practising finger aerobics using the video attached: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3VpARNgbb8c>
- Play simple board games such as Snakes and Ladders
- Talk about the importance of keeping ourselves safe, especially around hot items, linking to our learning about the fire service
- Please ensure you write in your child's diary when you read with them

Diary Dates:-

- Wednesday 10th January - PE begins - Please ensure named PE Kit is in school
- Thursday 11th January - Forest School begins - Please see Forest School letter
- Thursday 18th January - Forest School
- Friday 19th January - Start of FoML Active Challenge - More information to follow.

Notices:

- Please ensure all your child's items are clearly labeled.
- Please send named wellies into school, clipped together with a named peg.
- We are still collecting any donations of junk modelling, such as kitchen roll tubes and bottles. **We cannot accept egg cartons, milk containers or any packaging that contains nuts.**

Thank you
Reception Team