



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the children have enjoyed continuing to learn about fire fighters. They have loved creating a fire station role-play area and have worked together to respond to lots of emergencies! Next week we will be learning about the important jobs of hospital workers, and we are very lucky to have a nurse visiting each class on Tuesday.

Phonics:- We will be learning the phoneme (sounds the letters make): **ow, oi, ear, air**. Please continue to recap over 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 continue to practise finding out 'how many' objects there are in a group. We will encourage children to collect a set, e.g. 'Would you please collect 6 crayons and bring them to me?' We will also revisit the concept of cardinality, that the last number in the count tells us how many things there are **ALTOGETHER**. Children will continue to be provided with opportunities to hear, join in with and develop their knowledge of the counting sequence. We will also be introducing children to the concept of 1 more for numbers up to 6, for example 'what is 1 more than 4?'

RE:- As part of our RE topic this term we will be thinking about what makes something special. We will be talking about things or memories that are special to each of us, for example, a favourite teddy or a special trip. To support us with this learning, please could you upload an image/note to Tapestry about your child's special object/memory so that they can share it in class.

Therapy Dog:- Please be aware that on a Monday and a Friday we will have a therapy dog in school. All information about this has been sent to you in a separate letter and you will have been contacted directly if your child is visiting the dog.

At home you could:

- Continue to practise the new phonemes and high frequency words at the back of your child's reading records.
- Support your child in developing their fine motor skills by practising finger aerobics using the video attached: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3VpARNqbb8c>
- Encourage your child to help you find groups of objects e.g. 'Can you get me 4 gloves?'
- Go on a winter walk and spot the signs of winter.
- Please ensure you write in your child's diary when you read with them.

Diary Dates:-

Thursday 18th January - Forest School

Saturday 20th/Sunday 21st January - FoML Active Challenge (Please see separate email sent 11.01.2024)

Monday 22nd January - RSPB Birdwatch Week (More information to follow)

Wednesday 24th January 9:30 am - Presentation for parents by National Autistic Society at Oatlands School

Thursday 25th January - Forest School

Thursday 25th January 9:10 - 10:00 am - Parent Voice Meeting for Class Reps

Friday 26th January Time TBC - Safeguarding Session with Miss Morris for parent volunteers

Notices:

- Please could each class donate 1 box of Cheerios in preparation for making bird feeders in the coming weeks
- Please ensure you are reading and signing your child's reading record.
- 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