



Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have loved learning all about the important job that healthcare professionals do with a wonderful visit from Seren's mummy in Gosling Class who taught the children about her job as a nurse. Next week we will be learning about vets and how to care for animals.

Phonics:- We will be learning the phoneme (sounds the letters make): **ure, er, ow (as in snow, crow)**. 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 consolidate our understanding of the composition of 5. Composing and decomposing numbers by investigating part-part-whole relations, e.g. seeing that 5 can be made of 3 and 2. We will deepen our understanding of a 'whole' being made up of smaller parts through practical experiences.

Bird Watch:- This week we will be taking part in the 'Big Schools Bird Watch 2024'. We will be making bird feeders by carefully threading Cheerios and making a tally of how many birds visit our school at the end of the week.

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=3VpARNgbb8c> and the list of suggested activities attached.
- Encourage your child to show you 5 on their fingers in different ways e.g. 3 fingers on one hand and 2 on the other.
- Please ensure you write in your child's diary when you read with them
- Start noticing and discussing birds that you see. You could use the identification sheet attached to introduce the bird names with your child.

Diary Dates:-

Monday 22nd January - RSPB Birdwatch Week

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 2:15 pm - Safeguarding Session with Miss Morris for parent volunteers

Thursday 1st February - Forest School

Friday 2nd February - FoML Manby Love Hearts sent home today

Notices:

- Please could we have donations of toilet rolls so we can make our own binoculars for the bird watch.
- Please ensure you are reading and signing your child's reading record
- Please ensure all your child's items are clearly labeled.
- Thank you for practising changing with your children, we have noticed a big improvement in children's independence in changing for PE, especially taking their shoes on/off and undoing buttons.
- **If you would like access to the teaching materials used in our PSHE topic this half term, please contact your child's class teacher directly.**

Thank you
Reception Team