

## Reading



Most children now have books with words in. We will continue to focus on developing your child's segmenting and blending skills when reading, so please encourage them to attempt to work out each word by themselves. You can refer to the reading booklet we sent home in December to give tips on how to support your child's early phonic reading. Please ensure you are logging onto 'Oxford Owl' each week to access the book or quiz which has been set for your child.

If your child does not yet have books with words, please focus on using their sound cards (sent home in their summer activity pack) for flashcard practise at home as much as possible, and use the matching cards we sent home last term.

## Keywords

If your child has come home with keywords please continue to practise these at home regularly. These will be checked each time the teachers read with them. You do not need to send these back into school so please keep them at home.

## Phonics (Read Write Inc)



Children are continuing to work in smaller, targeted groups to ensure maximum progress is made throughout the year.

As well as segmenting and blending simple words orally using 'Fred Talk' we will now focus more on writing these words one sound at a time independently. Can they practise this at home?

The children will bring home a new set of sounds when their group is working on these for you to support at home.



## Our topic this half term is: **People who help us**



*We will explore the big question,  
"Should we help others?"*

## Topic learning

Over the coming weeks, we will be learning about how different Emergency Services and other people such as doctors, dentists and vets help us in the community. We will look at their job roles, the equipment they use and the vehicles they drive.

## Want to help?

- Read fiction books with your child with 'People Who Help Us' as the main characters.
- Look at pictures of these people and focus on describing the features of their uniform, equipment or vehicles.
- Read non-fiction books about 'People Who Help Us' and encourage your child to answer questions and explain what they have found out.

We will also spend a week learning about Chinese New Year, finding out about the similarities and differences between English and Chinese cultures and celebrations.

## Maths



This half term we will continue to use 'Numberblocks' to support our learning as we learn more about 5 and meet 6 and 7.

We will focus on how each number is made (addition and subtraction facts for each number), how it compares to other numbers we have learned and learn about the 2D and 3D shapes which are linked.

We will be teaching the children how to represent these numbers in different ways;

- practically using counting resources.
- on a tens frame.
- pictorially on a whiteboard or paper.
- on a part-part whole model.

Our focus continues to be on developing the children's ability to explain their reasoning and understanding.

## RE



In RE during the first week of this term we will be looking at the theme of 'Jesus as a storyteller.' We will start by looking at stories which have a moral or something we can learn from such as Aesop's Fables, and then read the parables from the New Testament.

## Library books



A reminder that we change the children's library books every Friday. Please only send them in on this day as unfortunately most of the books do not fit inside the children's folders.

## Google Classrooms



Please ensure that you know how to log into your child's Google Classroom account so that your child can access home learning activities if needed. Details were emailed in September.