



# Parents in Partnership

## Class Newsletter

## Topic Tasks : Spring Week 1

### Happy New Year

We sincerely hope you had a lovely Christmas and we wish you all a Happy New Year as we start an exciting new term with the class. We thank you for all the lovely Christmas cards and gifts and we look forward to working in partnership with yourselves and the children once again.

### Reminders

Just to remind you, we will be continuing to have PE lessons on Monday and Thursday afternoons. We ask that all items of PE kit are clearly named and the children have well fitting clothes and plimsolls. If your child has not yet brought Wellington boots to school and has some at home that they can bring in, please could they do so, so that we can continue to make the most of our outdoor learning environment. Thank you.

### Topic news

Following on from our discussion with the children last term about our new topic called 'Take a Trip around the World,' the children have decided that through learning about countries such as Poland, Portugal, China (incorporating Chinese New Year,) France, Spain and Australia, they would like to find out about the food, customs and animals that live there. We will also be learning about the seas and oceans. If any parents have connections with these particular countries and are willing to come in to talk to the children, you would be most welcome. It has been lovely learning from parents who work in the Emergency/medical professions. We really value your involvement and we firmly believe the children learn so much from these visits.

We will kick start the topic next week by starting work on 'Where we live' and we will incorporate shape work as we look at the shapes in and around our homes and streets. Any preparation you can do on recapping 2D and 3D shape names and their properties would be beneficial.

### Phonics reinforcement.

Just to remind you, during our daily phonic sessions we sometimes play games to help reinforce the children's knowledge of a particular sound. A website that we use that you may like to look at with your child is

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/>

On this website you will find a range of games which allow you to revisit sounds we have taught the children in the classroom. Popular games with the children at the moment are 'Obb and Bob' and 'Buried Treasure.'

### Phonics and Word blending

Please note that this week we have added the sounds 'ng' and 'ai' to your child's phonics book. Please spend time looking at

s	a	t	p	i	n	m	d	g	o
c	k	ck	e	u	r	h	b	f	l
j	v	w	x	y	z	qu	ch	sh	th
ng	ai								

The words below are words that you could help your child decode using their 'robot' arms.

a	as	at	sat
pat	is	it	pit
nap	man	in	mat
din	dim	dip	dig
cod	cot	cat	sack
rat	red	rod	run
pen	pet	nut	tuck
hat	hot	hen	bag
fog	huff	leg	fill
jug	jam	van	vet
wet	win	wax	box
yes	yet	zip	fizz
quiz	quick	chip	chat
ship	hush	this	path
sing	bang	aim	rail

### Tricky Words

In our phonics lessons we teach the children 3 new 'tricky words' every week.

We explain that these are words that cannot be sounded out, but that you learn by 'sight.'

Please continue to look at these words with your child.

Thank you.

the	to	I
no	go	into
he	she	we
me	be	was
you	they	all
are	my	her
said	have	like
so	do	some

We will be launching our secrets to success again next week, but as a whole school, we have identified 'Independence' as a focus. For those children in Reception who still struggle to put on their coats or items of clothing, we ask that you work with them at home to build up their skills.

We have spoken about this in assembly and in class and we hope that the children really build their confidence in practising these skills this term. Thank you.

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