

Dear Parents/Carers,

In Literacy this week, we have been learning the sounds **v**, **w**, **x** and **y**. We have learnt the tricky words '**has**', '**his**' and '**her**' and revised all the tricky words taught so far. We have also been continuing to encourage the children's skills in blending the sounds to read words using their word boxes, literacy based games and reading books. Please continue to practise blending sounds with your child, listening carefully for the words they can hear. Please ensure that you sign in your reading diary book once your child has completed their reading book at home and feel free to make any comments to let us know how they are doing with their reading at home.

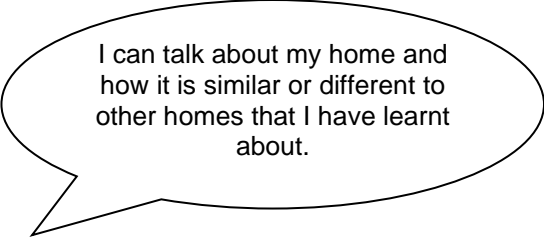
In Numeracy, we have been learning about time and practised using everyday language related to time. We have used vocabulary such as first, next, after and finally and learnt the names of the days of the week and put the days into the correct order. We thought about the kinds of things we do during the week and the things we do at the weekend and how these days are similar or different. We have enjoyed singing the song 'What's the time, Mr Wolf?' and played the game 'What time is it Mr Wolf?' during outdoor play with our friends.

During our topic sessions this week we have been learning about homes, looking at our own homes and looking at the similarities and differences between our own homes and homes in other countries around the world. The children then enjoyed creating their own homes using pictures and junk modelling resources, using different media and materials to fit them together.

Next term our Topic will be, 'The World of Wonder!' We will start by thinking about wintry worlds and will explore the children's questions through enquiry learning. We will be encouraging the children to develop their enquiry and questioning skills and ask that the children think of at least one question linked to their interests and bring their question back to school next week. We will use our enquiry afternoon sessions to explore the children's questions further. Please see the separate enquiry learning letter. During this topic, we will research further information, conduct exciting experiments, carry out investigations and learn more about the amazing wintry world around us.

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December, it is Reception's Christmas Party. The children can come to school in their party clothes on this day. If possible, a small contribution from RR of something savoury (crisps, sausage rolls etc.) and a small contribution from RM of something sweet (biscuits, cake etc.) would be appreciated. These can be brought in on the day of the party. If your child has an allergy then please can you make sure they bring in something suitable for them to eat. Please remember we are a nut free school.

**Word of the week: Community**



I can talk about my home and how it is similar or different to other homes that I have learnt about.

Our 'Talking Topic' this week is:

Many thanks

The Reception Team