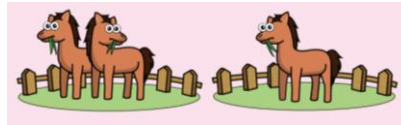


Dear Parents/Carers,

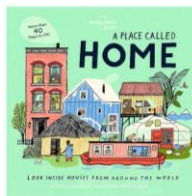
In Literacy this week, we have been learning the sounds **z**, **qu** and **ch**. We have learnt the tricky words **go**, **no**, **to**, and **into** and revised all the tricky words taught so far. We have also been continuing to encourage the children's skills in blending the sounds to read words using 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 child's 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 our handwriting sessions this week we have been focusing on forming the letters **l** and **t** correctly. We will be repeating some of the letters that the children have already learnt to form. This will allow for lots of opportunities to practise the correct letter formation whilst saying the phrase to help them. Please encourage your child to keep practising their letter formation in their handwriting folders at home.

In Numeracy, the children have been introduced to the idea that all numbers are made up of smaller numbers, and these are referred to as the parts of the number. Learning to see a whole number and its parts at the same time is a key development in children's number understanding. This week we have been working practically to explore ways to partition a whole number, so they can find different parts which make the same whole. The children were asked key questions such as 'How many different ways can you make 1/2/3?' and 'Can you make the same number in a different way?' Next week we will be exploring 2D shape focusing on circles and triangles. We will be identifying, naming and comparing circles and triangles and looking for shapes in the environment. We will also be exploring and describing position.



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.

Our class reader this week is: **A Place called Home**



Please click on the link below to share this week's Homes song with your child.

[My House Song](#)

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 in your child's reading packet. During this topic, we will research further information, conduct exciting experiments, carry out investigations and learn more about the amazing wintry world around us.

Throughout the week, we have been rehearsing for our Christmas Assembly which will take place on Wednesday 6th December at 9.15am. We are looking forward to entertaining you. Please enter school via the main Visitor Entrance. As you look at the stage, RV will be sitting on the left side and RM on the right. Due to

space restrictions, tickets are limited to two per child. There is no payment required for this assembly but you must reserve a place to attend. Please order your tickets through Arbor.

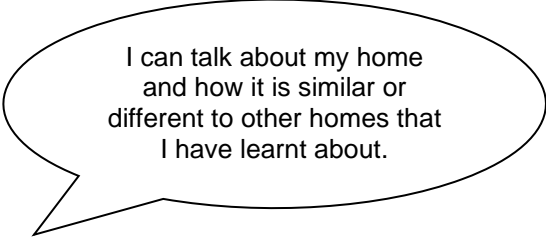
On Monday 18th December, it is Reception's Christmas Party. The children can come to school in their party clothes on this day. If possible, a small contribution from RV of something savoury (crisps, sausage rolls etc.) and a small contribution from RM of something sweet (biscuits, cake etc.) would be 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

Our 'Talking Topic' this week is:

Many thanks

The Reception Team



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