

Reception 'Donaldson' Weekly

Newsletter - 12.1.24

What have we been up to this week?

This week we have been reading 'Whatever Next!'

In Phonics this week we have learnt the new sounds **ur, ow, oi and ear**. *Please see the attached home learning sheet to help you practise these at home.* We have also learnt the new tricky words **my, by and all**. This week our focus words for spelling and writing have been **turn, hurt, down, now, join, boil, born, hear and near**.

In Literacy we have been reading and beginning to learn the story of Whatever Next! We have picked out and learnt new vocabulary such as colander, roared, gasped, draining board, journey, smart and passengers. Ask your child to see if they can remember the meaning of some of these words! We have created a class story map and then we have practiced sequencing the pictures from the story starting to re-tell the story at the same time.

This week in numeracy we have been practising our subitising skills (using our quick eyes) to quickly recognise common arrangements of 2,3,4 and 5 including those on dice. We have played pair games to help us develop our speedy subitising skills!

We have started our new topic by thinking about who helps us. We made a list of people we could think of already to and then to our list as we have read books about the topic this week and started to think a little deeper. We talked about which jobs we wanted to find out more about and made a list of questions as a class that we would like to find out the answer to.

Next week we will be...

- Continuing to read and learn the story 'Whatever Next'
- Learning the new sounds **air** and **er**
- Learning the new tricky words **are, sure** and **pure**
- Recognising and ordering numerals 1-5. Matching Quantities to numerals and making staircase patterns in Maths.
- Learning about doctors, nurses, dentists, being healthy and oral health in our topic work.

Ways to help at home...

- **Read! Read! Read!** This is the biggest thing you can do to support your child's learning journey!
- Practise the new phase 3 sounds we have learnt so far - **ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, oo, or** and **ar, ur, ow, oi and ear**.
- Practice recognising and writing the new tricky words **my, by and all**.
- Count up to 20 out loud.
- Practice using the prepositions in front, behind, next to, under, over etc with a teddy.

Requests and reminders:

- Can we ask all children to bring in their **toothbrush and toothpaste (in a sandwich bag or box)** on **Wednesday** please for our learning on teeth and oral health.
- We will be celebrating **Chinese New Year with a special themed day on Thursday 8th February**. Can children please dress in Red or in a Chinese themed outfit on this day. We will be learning about how Chinese New Year is celebrated including doing some Chinese food tasting, Chinese crafts etc on this day.
- We will be holding an Art themed **parents stay and play session on Tuesday 6th February from 2pm** so if you would like to attend, please reserve this date in your diary!
- A gentle reminder about our new snack policy which is now only fruit, vegetables and dried fruit please. Children will be reminded that cheese, pepparami, rice cakes, bread based snacks etc are no longer acceptable.

Mrs Gwynn ☺