



Reception 'Donaldson' Weekly

Newsletter - 2.2.24

What have we been up to this week?

This week we have been reading non-fiction books about people who help us, and in particular the police

In Phonics this week we have had a revisit and review week and have been consolidating all our sounds and tricky words - no new sounds or tricky words! This week our focus words for spelling and writing have been longer words such as **lemon, rocket, market, bedroom, sunset, carpet** and **farmyard**. *There is no home learning sheet this week.*

In Literacy we have been writing our own five-sentence story and using sentence stems to write our own sentences for each part of the story to form our own book. We will finish these next week!

In Maths we have been looking at the numbers 6 and 7 and thinking about them as 5 and 1 more and 5 and 2 more. We have also looked at pairs of numbers that make 6 and 7 and how we can represent these numbers on ten frames and on die frames.

We were very lucky to have a fantastic visit from Tutbury Fire and Rescue service on Tuesday who showed us around their fire engine and the equipment it holds, letting the children sit in the engine and try on the helmets and have a go with the hoses. We learnt lots of important information and answered some of the questions we asked at the start of our 'People who help us' topic.

This week we have also learnt about the role of police officers, making our own police badges, learning about the importance of fingerprints, looking at our own fingerprints and role-playing police and detectives! It's been another busy week!

Next week we will be...

- Reading new words using the phase 3 sounds we have learnt.
- Continuing to write our story books
- Comparing quantities using the language more, fewer and equal.
- Learning about Chinese New Year/Lunar New Year and the story of the Great Race
- Making Chinese lanterns, dragon puppets and trying some Chinese foods.

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, ear, air** and **er**.
- Practice recognising and writing the new tricky words **are, sure** and **pure**.
- Count up to 20 out loud.
- Look for 2D and 3D shapes in the environment, describing their properties and naming them

Requests and reminders:

- Just a reminder that homework is due in on a Wednesday and should be completed by this day each week in pencil please. Please allow children to do as much as they can independently but support them where needed. May we ask you to support us by reminding children of neat presentation and correct letter formation.
- We will be celebrating **Chinese New Year with a special themed day on Thursday**. 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.
- It's our Art themed **parents stay and play session on Tuesday from 2pm**. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mrs Gwynn ☺