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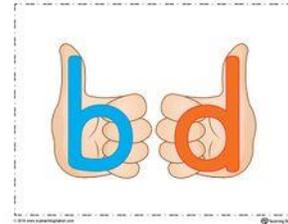
Dear Parents,



In phonics this week the children have been learning to recognise the diagraphs, ss, zz, ff, ll and ck within words. A diagraph is when two letters come together but make only one sound. Please encourage your child to practise reading the words attached over the weekend.



We have also been looking at the confusion between b and d. The children have been taught to use their thumbs to help them remember the correct direction for each letter.



In maths this week the children have been learning to add. The children have been learning the skills for adding through a game with two hoops and a collection of beanbags. The children took turns to throw beanbags into the hoop and then counted how many were in each hoop. We created a number sentence from this writing on paper using tally marks or numerals and then learnt to 'find the total' by counting all of the beanbags. Over the weekend it would be great if you could encourage your child to use their toys to play a game of 'find the total'. Please encourage your child to split a chosen number of objects into two groups, count each group separately and then count them altogether to find the total.



This week the children have been very interested in pirates. If anyone has any pirate stories that they would like to share with the class then please do send them in. Please also collect your kitchen roll tubes as they are enjoying making telescopes.



Over the next 4 weekends I will be sending home a 'Talk Wallet' with each child (this is a yellow topped zippy wallet) I will be asking the children to collect a maximum of 5 items to remind them what they have been up to over the weekend. The items will be used to encourage your child to develop their communication and language skills and to assist their writing. We will need to keep the items for **two days** so please do not send in any favourite toys that cannot be left at school.



Small Reminders



- Reading Books-Next week we will be looking at all of the children's reading levels and the number of times they read at home. Please ensure your child's book and reading record is sent in on MONDAY and we will return all books by THURSDAY once all children have read with an adult. Thank you.



- Friday 3rd February is NUMBER DAY. If you would like to send your child to school in a t-shirt, hat, hoody etc with numbers on a £1.00 donation is being collected for the charity NSPCC.



Miss Hughes

