



Monday 19th February 2018

Year R Topic Letter - 'Helping Hands'

Dear Parents

We hope you had a good half-term break. The children really enjoyed our 'Once upon a time' topic last half term and we are really proud of the progress they are all making.

Our topic focus for this half-term is 'Helping Hands' (People who help us). This topic covers all Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Areas of Learning and Development but mainly focuses on Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language and Understanding the World. We have arranged for lots of visitors to come in and talk to the children about their jobs.

Week 1 – People who help us at home and school

Week 2 – Book Week – Judith Kerr – see separate book week letter.

Week 3 – Dentists -Dental talk

Week 4 – Police and Fire service visit

Week 5 - Coastguards – RNLI Visit

Week 6 – Nurses and Doctors – Nurse Visit



Volunteers

If you, a friend or family member has an occupation (nurse/doctor/police/fire service) that may benefit the children for this topic (please bear in mind age group!) and would be willing to come in and talk to the children and share any related resources, please come and see us. We would be most grateful!

Mother's Day

The children would like to sing to the Mums on **Monday 12th March at 3.10pm**. Please use the normal school gates as they will be open at this time. We look forward to seeing you.



Helping Hands - Dress up day

The children are welcome to come in dressed up as somebody who helps us on **Tuesday 13th March 2018**. They can come as anyone they wish e.g.- police officer, firefighter, scientist, nurse, doctor, teacher, lollipop person, mum, dad etc.



Learning Journeys/Tapestry

Thank you for your comments on our observations. We would love to see any photos of things your child is up to outside school. This may be a family event, somewhere you have been or something your child has done which has impressed you!

You should have an email notification which will inform you when a new observation/photo/video has been uploaded to your child's Journal.

Morning Activities

Now that the children have been in school for half of the academic year we would like to encourage them to do morning activities at the tables when they arrive in the morning. Please help your child to settle at an activity rather than play in the role-play or small world area etc. Thank You

School Reports and Parents Evening

We are currently writing your child's annual school report. We write these mid-year so that we can focus on your child's next steps together. We will be giving these reports to you on **Wednesday 21st March** at parents evening. Please make an appointment using the link on the school website. If you are unable to attend then we will send the report home with your child. The next steps are useful in helping you to know what your child needs to work on to help them reach the 'Early Learning Goals' by the end of Year R.

Easter Assembly



The Year R children will be performing in our Easter Assembly for you (Yr R Parents only) on **Thursday 29th March at 2pm.**

Homework

Please can you ensure the reading books are returned every Wednesday. Maths challenge cards will continue every week. We will also be sending home tricky words for the children to practise reading and writing at home. We know that some children are more keen than others to do homework! We'll make sure we value the effort that the children put in and we also understand that their lives outside school are busy but your support does make a real difference. Don't forget the children are welcome to take any book home from the classroom book corners, as often as they like, to share and enjoy with you at home. Please sign these books in and out in the log book located in these areas. Thank-you!



And now all the **important dates** together!

Wednesday 28th February - Spellathon – in class

Thursday 1st March – World Book Day and Book Swap – see book week letter!

Monday 12th March – Mother's Day quick sing song! 3.10pm

Tuesday 13th March – Helping hands dress up day – Yr R only

Friday 23rd March - Sport Relief Day – come to school in sports clothes – donate £1

Friday 23rd March - Parent Group after school cake sale.

Thursday 29th March – Easter Assembly 2pm -

Many thanks for your continued support.

The Yr R Team