



# Foundation Stage News



Date: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018

This week we have been helping Elliot the superhero read and write the objects in his magic bag. We have been blending the sounds to read and segmenting the sounds to write the words. In maths we have been investigating 3D shapes. We have also been making our own superheroes using toilet tubes and lollipop sticks.

## Bookmarks

The children have been reading the words on their bookmarks and using the magnetic letters to build the words. They have been doing a fantastic job, please can you continue to support your child to do this at home. You might encourage them to put the word they have read into a sentence or you could write the words and hide them around the room for your child to find and read. This will help your child develop their letter sound recognition and their segmenting and blending skills.

## 3D shape hunt

This week we have been learning about 3D shapes. We have been naming the shapes and then describing them. We have been exploring cylinders, cubes, cuboids, spheres and cones. You might like to go on a 3D shape hunt inside and outside to see which 3D shapes your child can spot. Can your child name the shape they see? Which shape do they find the most? Maybe they could share what they found on a 'WOW?'

## Phonics

We have practised all the Phase 2 sounds and we are now recapping. As part of our handwriting, we are practising the letter shapes in cursive print (ready for joining), your child might like to continue to practise their letter shapes on the sheet provided. When they have finished they might like to review their letter shapes by circling the best one. Can they think of words that start with that letter sound?

Please can you ensure all items of your child's school uniform and PE kit is labelled. We will be doing PE every Thursday and it can be difficult ensuring all children have their items of clothing without names. Many thanks.

Thanks you for all the empty toilet tubes that have been coming in, please can you continue to bring in any small junk modelling materials over the next few weeks including small cereal boxes, egg cartons etc.

## Home learning ideas

We recommend that you read daily with your child and have added a number of extra optional home learning ideas that you might like to do during the week...	✓
Count forwards and backwards to 20	
Read a book to your child or let them read/tell you a story	
Go around the home and count out objects accurately (up to 20)	
Practise hearing and saying initial sounds in words (the first sound you hear)	
Practise writing their full name, trying to use cursive print	
Find objects around the house and see if they can segment and blend the sounds to say the word i.e. b-o-x box, c-a-t cat, d-o-g dog	

## Any Comments or Questions

## Upcoming dates

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Children's mental health morning 9.00 – 10.00am

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of term

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March – World Book Day – more information will follow closer to the date.

Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> March – Parent consultations week.