



16 January 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Weekly Information – w/b 16.1.17

Having enjoyed learning all about 'families' last week, this week our focus will be on 'homes'. We will be thinking about all of the different types of places there are to live (such as houses or flats) as well as where we would most like to live (like a castle or on board a pirate ship!) We will be painting and writing about different types of houses too! As it is Golden Book week, you will have a chance to see your child's fantastic work when they bring their books home at the end of next week. Please write a positive comment on the sticker at the end of their work before returning the Golden Book.

The three new sounds that the children will learn in phonics this week are: 'th' which makes two sounds (a 'whispered' sound as in 'thin' and a 'voiced' sound as in 'this'), 'ng' as in ring and 'ai' as in rain. As always, it would be fantastic if you could use your child's flashcards to help them make words and to practise recognising the new sounds at speed. Also help them to spot them in their reading books; it is trickier to spot our new two letter sounds and recognise that you speak them together to make just one sound!

Show and Tell will be for the **Pink** group across all classes on **Thursday 19 January**. As always with Show and Tell, please ensure that your child's item only comes into school on the day of their turn, is clearly name labelled and is nothing too precious or expensive.

During our 'All About Me' theme we are talking about a range of different things about ourselves such as our families, homes and pets. We are using this as an opportunity to cover the children's RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) which includes: some of the similarities and differences between boys and girls and that fact that all living things have babies. As part of our lessons we will be using a video which includes footage of a cat giving birth to a kitten and images of naked babies being weighed at the hospital. If you would like to see the video in advance of your child's RSE lessons (which will take place during the week beginning the Monday 30 January) we will be showing it on **Monday 23 January at 2.30pm**.

We are really looking forward to welcoming you to our phonics information sessions tomorrow 17.1.17 at 9.00am and on Friday 20.1.17 at 2.15pm. Please come along to find out how your child is learning and how you can help them learn to read.

Best wishes,

The Reception Team

Mrs McCarthy, Mrs Dryland, Mrs Vidal and Miss Wright



Messages from the Office

Coming up this month

January		
w/b Monday 16.1.17	-	Golden Book week
Tuesday 17.1.17	9.00am – 9.45am	YR Parents – Letters and Sounds workshop
Tuesday 17.1.17	8.00pm	PTA Meeting – The Cricketers Pub
Thursday 19.1.17	12.00pm – 11.30pm	Y5 Young Voices visit to O2 Arena
Friday 20.1.17	2.15pm – 3.00pm	YR Parents – Letters and Sounds workshop
Tuesday 24.1.17	3.00pm – 5.00pm	PTA Cushion Club for YR
Thursday 26.1.17	9.00am – 10.00am	PTA Class Reps coffee morning with Mrs Druce
Friday 27.1.17	8.40am – 3.45pm	Y6 visit to the V&A Museum
Tuesday 31.1.17	9.00am – 10.30am	Come and Play Session for pre-school children and toddlers
Tuesday 31.1.17	3.05pm – 5.00pm	PTA Cushion Club for Y1