



# Rushey Green Primary School

## Reception Class Newsletter - Spring 2 2021

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term. We hope you all had a restful break during these unprecedented times and are now ready for learning this term, be it in school or online.

If you have any questions or require any additional information please do not hesitate to discuss this with a member of the team.

The Reception Class Teams

Jules, Ms Asamoah, Miss Stewart, Mrs Morgan, Miss Lampty, Mrs Rodney, Kala, Carolina and Chris

### This term our topic is... Pirates



Over the course of this half term the children will be learning all about pirates. We will be looking at the most famous pirate of all 'Black Beard', as well as making treasure maps, messages in a bottle and creating our own Jolly Roger flags. We will also be making our own treasure boxes.

In literacy we will be continuing to write CVC words and simple sentences. During our daily supported reading sessions, we will start to recognise our high frequency words and begin to read simple sentences independently. If you are learning online please use the Oxford Owl website where you can access the same books that we use in school.

[www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)

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The books levels are pink, red, yellow, blue, green, orange, turquoise, purple, gold, white, lime.

In maths we will begin to use the vocabulary involved in adding and subtracting using our numicon shapes and we will start looking at money and time.

## High frequency word sheets



### Phonics Games to Support Reading & Writing

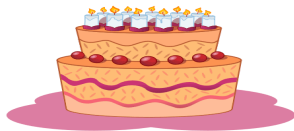
Here are a few ideas to support your child's reading using the high frequency word sheets that we sent home

- Start with page 1. When your child can confidently read all these words then cut them up and lay them on the table. Say a word and if your child finds it without any support, they get to keep the word. Then it's your turn. Ask your child to read a word and you have to find it (the winner is the person with the most words).
- Photocopy the sheets and play word snap.
- Photocopy the sheets and play word bingo.
- How many high frequency words can you write in 1 minute?
- Can you write the sentences on the sheet?

**Please remember to keep practising the sheets at home as we have noticed that so many children online are now able to read and write many of the words.**

## Ideas to support your child's learning at home

- **Make time to listen to your child talking** - as you are cooking, at meal times, bath times and bedtimes - any time!
- **Switch off the TV, radio and mobile phones** - and really listen! Especially now that they are spending quite a bit of time using these gadgets on line.
- **Use puppets and toys** to make up stories or retell known ones. The children loved the stories that we learnt about last term, (Goldilocks and the three bears, The 3 little pigs, Jack and the beanstalk) Record your child telling the story and play it back to them.
- **Play hunt the word game** - hide words in sand or flour, set a timer, hold up the word that you want them to hunt for, and 'go'. Repeat the word and encourage them to say - I am looking for the word 'the'.
- **Play pairs**, using a pack of playing cards. Ask your child to turn over two cards at a time trying to find a matching pair.
- **Read to your child** every night and then ask them questions about the story.
- Put five items of one kind and six items of another kind on a table and mix them up. Ask your child to sort them and count them. "Which group has more"? less"?
- **Above all have fun!**



### Birthdays a reminder!

During your child's time with us they may have a birthday. Whilst we like to celebrate this occasion by singing 'happy birthday' to them, we do not encourage children to bring in birthday cakes, sweets or party bags. Many children have allergies to nuts and other foods and we are unable to monitor what they contain. You may however like to bring in some fruit for the children to share during the day. Alternatively, you may wish to donate a book to our class library which many children enjoy doing.

Thank you for your co-operation

### Online learning



Thank you to everyone that has supported their child during the current lockdown with their online learning. It is amazing to see how quickly the children have adapted to this and how far they have come over the last half term. Please can we ask that you continue to complete the daily activities on Purple Mash and take a look at our Google classroom pages, where you will find videos and resources to support your child, whilst we await the news of when we can all return to school. If you need any support with emails, passwords or login details then either leave us a message on Purple Mash or send an email to the school office and we will endeavour to help out where we can.