



Friday 6th January

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have all had an enjoyable holiday and we would like to wish you all a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

The children have been discussing what they would like to achieve this year. It has been lovely to hear their goals and how they hope to achieve them.

Certificates

Congratulations to Mimi and Maisie-Mae who received our Star of the Week certificate!

Congratulations to Ralph who received our Value certificate this week!

Phonics

During our phonic sessions, we have revisited the letters and sounds ch sh th ng and increasingly, we are able to read and write words that contain these digraphs. Top tip - remember to stick your tongue out when you say th.

Maths

In maths we have been practising our subitising; saying how many without counting and talking about ways in which we see an amount e.g. There are 4 altogether. I can see 3 black ones and a red one. I can see two twos! Two at the top and two at the bottom." How do you see these five dots? Putting our subitising skills into practise we have been exploring recording our answers and comparing numbers. We have also introduced the number name, numeral and concept of zero as 'nothing there' and 'one less than one'.

Topic

To begin our topic we have discovered what a community is and named some of the people who help us in our community; doctors, dentists, firefighters, teachers, nurses, police, RNLI, lifeguards, opticians.

The children have really enjoyed our new role play area and sharing their own knowledge of firefighters and police.

Home Learning Challenge

Please take the time to share your child's reading book with them. The progress of those children who do read their books at home daily is greatly increased and they are becoming more confident and independent as readers. We also love to earn a golden ticket!

As the children have been so excited about our new topic we would like to ask you to take on a family challenge of creating something for our people who help us topic. This



could be a junk model emergency vehicle that you construct from recyclable materials such as an ambulance, helicopter or lifeboat, a road sign or even a skeleton. Be creative, the choice is yours!

Thank you for your continued support.

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We value our parents as partners. Please leave a comment or email on any aspect of your child's learning. Things they are enjoying, new learning that they may have shared with you or things that they may be finding tricky.

My child's name:

Date: