Cygnets & Goslings Newsletter

This Week in Reception...

Friday 20th November

It's been another exciting and busy week of school as we continue our 'Heroes who help us' topic. A big thank you for continuing to send pictures in of your family members who do these important roles and an enormous thank you to all of our amazing visitors who have really enriched the classrooms. The children have been busy creating lots of Emergency vehicle artworks which are decorating our classrooms and our role play corners have had many 999 phonecalls to help with emergencies!

Coming up next week...

We will be continuing our heroes who help us topic next week while shifting focus slightly towards 'green heroes'. We will learn about important climate advocates including Sir David Attenborough and Greta Thunberg. The children will help our local environment with a litter pick around our school grounds and we will learn about recycling and reusing items.

The children will also have their first practise of our Nativity show on our school stage as we gear up for the big day! A big thank you for helping your child learn lines at home if they are one of our amazing story tellers!

Christmas treat

We are pleased to inform you that we have secured a special in-school activity for the children to celebrate the Christmas term in lieu of visiting the pantomime this year with the rest of the school. Information has been sent out to you via the office. We apologise for the shorter notice than usual for an experience.

Costumes Reminder

Please can we have costumes for children in classrooms on Tuesday 1st December - this is to save overwhelming Cygnets class who will also have Forest School bags to organise on the Monday. Thank you!

Phonics Stay and Play

A reminder that, we would like to invite you to our classrooms to watch a short phonics lesson where you can see how a new sound is taught as well as a chance to explore some phonics activities with your child.

We would like to invite 1 adult per child to the classrooms on Thursday 26th November at 2:40. If you are able to attend, please gather by the main green gates from 2:30. The session will finish in time for the end of the day and normal pickup time.

Please do try to ensure your child's blending box or reading book is in their bookbag every day at school. We always hear every child read at least once during the week but don't have the time to hear everyone during the same day so having access to their words / books across the week really help us - thank you!

Christmas around the world

During the final few weeks of this term, our topic will move to Christmas. We love to explore different celebrations around the world and we often have children who have family ties in other countries. If you have family members who live in other countries, we would love to learn about their traditions as part of our run up to Christmas, please let your child's teacher know via email if you have family ties in other countries. Thank you!

v		Put your teeth against your bottom lip and make a buzzing sound: vvvvv vvvvv	Slide down, slide up.
w		Pucker your lips and keep them small as you say: w w w	Slide down, slide up, slide down, slide up.
x		Mouth open, then push the cs/x sound through as you close your mouth: cscscs (xxx)	Slide down bump. Pen off. Slide down bump.
y		Smile, tongue to the top of your mouth, say y without opening your mouth: yyy	Down bump, push along the ground, up, down bump, on down, pull around to make a tail.