

w/c 02/10/23

Hello families,

Thank you for attending the open afternoon last week. It was lovely to speak to you and I hope you enjoyed the performance. They were brilliant! Please read the email from Ms Storey regarding our busy week ahead. PE will be on Thursday **in addition** to Monday's session.

This week, we will finish Paddington and the children will publish their letters. We will also start our next unit of writing all about London. We'll be creating a non-chronological report on the buildings that have shaped the capital city. Any additional research at home about the different buildings would be well-received. We'll focus on Big Ben, The Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace, The Tower of London and No. 10 Downing Street. Please visit <https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/> and search for London for more information.

Please be aware homework is due on Monday 2nd October. I'll be holding a playtime session on Tuesday for any incomplete/missing work or for those wanting additional support.

Our science learning this term is all about plants. Last week, we dissected a lily to identify all the relevant parts. This week, we'll set up an experiment to look at the conditions needed for a plant to survive. Please talk to your children about the parts of a flower. This handy video explains it all. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=493WeySyf-8>

Following on from the open afternoon, please find information about supporting your child with reading at home.

What you can do to help at home

1. Listen to them read their reading book daily. Repeated reading will build fluency.
2. When tackling an unknown word, remind them to look for 'special friends', 'Fred talk or sound out' and then read the word as a whole. These are the strategies they use in RWI.
3. Discuss the story and encourage their storyteller's voice.

There are free video tutorials on the website – www.ruthmiskin.com. Select free resources and then the Parents section. There is a useful video which shows how to pronounce each of the sounds. I have also attached sound mats to support with pronunciation. The children will be familiar with these.

As always, healthy snacks and water in water bottles.

Have a lovely week,

Mr Hughes