



Week 18th - 22nd January 2020
Topic: Around Our World



Dear Parents,

We hope your first couple of weeks of learning at home learning went well. It was lovely to see so many of you during our Team meetings. Our meetings will continue this week. Every week day we will be checking in on you all and doing our very best to support you in any way we can. Our Friday session will be a 'wellbeing' drop in where we do circle time type activities. We will also try to make our meetings interactive, it was lovely to see the children joining in with our story and our fruit tasting this week.

Our learning this week is about the continent Africa and we will be enjoying the story 'Handa's Surprise'.

You can access the learning under the files section. We have provided you with a **weekly timetable as well as a phonics timetable**. We would love to see your home learning; this can be uploaded to tapestry in the usual way.

Please contact us (information at the bottom of this bulletin) if you are unable to print any of the resources needed and packs will be made for you to collect from the front of school.

Topic- Our topic this term is around our world. We will be finding out about our local area as well as learning about other continents/countries and animals through stories and rhymes.

Phonics - **Please see the phonics timetable under the files section on teams.** Your child will be able to tell you their phonics group teacher. Please watch the videos assigned to your child's group.

The children have learnt how to orally blend sounds to say words (Fred Talk). The link below explains how to do 'Fred Talk' https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dEzfpod5w_Q

Have a go at using 'Fred Talk' to sound out and blend different words.
Fred Talk Games to play at home:

Fred says...

1. Say: Fred says put your hands on your *h-e-d*. Ask children to repeat.
Pause to allow children to jump in with the whole word and do the action.
2. Say: *h-e-d, hed*. Ask children to repeat.

Repeat with: *b-a-k, t-u-m, l-e-g, h-a-n-d, f-oo-t, n-ee, r-u-n, s-k-i-p, h-o-p, s-t-o-p.*

Fred I spy

Say: Fred says 'I spy something *r-e-d*'. Ask children to repeat. Pause to allow children to 'jump-in' with the whole word and point to something red.

Say: *r-e-d, red*. Ask children to repeat.

Repeat with: *b-l-oo, g-r-ee-n, b-l-a-k, b-r-ow-n.*

Fred's house

Say: *Fred has found some items from different parts of the house. What did he find in e.g. the food cupboard?* Say each word in Fred Talk and pause to allow children to 'jump-in' with the whole word.

Food cupboard: t-i-n, s-oo-p, b-ee-n-s, b-r-e-d, c-ay-k

Fridge: m-i-l-k, j-oo-s, c-r-ee-m, e-g-s, c-or-n, p-air, p-ee-z, l-ee-k

*Kitchen: f-or-k, s-p-oo-n, n-igh-f, p-a-n, p-l-ay-t, b-ow-l;
c-u-p; m-u-g; ch-air; s-t-oo-l*

Bedroom: b-e-d, r-u-g, b-oo-k, l-am-p, m-a-t, l-igh-t, b-o-x

Bathroom: l-oo, s-i-nk, m-a-t, s-ow-p, b-r-u-sh, c-r-ee-m

Wardrobe: s-c-ar-f, h-a-t, c-ow-t, s-o-c-s, sh-or-t-s, d-r-e-ss, s-k-ir-t

Communication Language and Literacy including handwriting - We will be continuing the story Handa's Surprise a traditional story set in the continent of Africa. We will continue retelling the story as well as writing a sentence to accompany our story map. On Tuesday we will be retelling the story as well as handwriting. On Wednesday we will be looking at an image from the story and answering some comprehension questions. On Thursday and Friday we will be sequencing the story and writing a caption to accompany the pictures. All resources can be found Communication Language and Literacy Folder. You will notice that we include handwriting on our power point slides. Please ensure your child is sat in an upright position and holding their pencil correctly.

Reading this week

Mrs Ogbeide and Mrs Fuller's Phonics Groups will need to register for free on the [oxford owl website](https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/).

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

Once logged on to the site, search for the e-books on the Phonics timetable. Please email us if you have a problem.

This week a link to the website has been included on the timetable for each book, this should make it easier to find them.

Mrs Lamb/Merritt and Mrs Wilson's Groups - We have uploaded Ditties for daily reading.

These can be found within the Reading folder, which is located in the Communication, language and literacy folder.

Please remember to read the book or ditties a few times before moving on to ensure your child has fully understood the story.

Expressive Art and design-

On Thursday we would like you to design a lion's face. An example can be found in the Expressive Art and Design folder. On Friday we will be joining in with a music lesson on the 'Oak Academy' website 'The rainforest, part 1'. The link can be found on our weekly learning timetable.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World-

This week we will be looking at animals that live in hot and cold places around the world. The power point and animal sorting worksheet can be found in files. We will also be exploring healthy foods. This lesson can be found on the 'Oak Academy' website, 'Healthy Eating lesson 1'. The link can be found on our weekly timetable.

Maths-

We will be looking at exploring mass using words such heavier than and lighter than and we will be exploring capacity using different containers and using mathematical language such as full and empty. We will be using the white rose videos and activities. We have included some extra Maths activities for Monday- Wednesday should you wish to do them. **On Friday you will need to check the list of ingredients you will need to make non cook playdough.**

We have added an additional Maths PowerPoint. This PowerPoint is for your child to develop their **Maths reasoning skills**. We have included a different focus for each day which will be an odd one out challenge, using a tens frame, or justifying why an object doesn't belong. We will also be looking at missing numbers on a number track and explaining how we know a number is missing. Please help your child to answer in full sentences using the word 'because'.

Education City and Purple Mash log ins. -

Your log-ins for Education City and Purple Mash are now available to collect from the school office. Please collect them by 22.1.21 as we will be setting activities after this date.

Contacting School - If you wish to **contact us** please do so during school hours and we will do our best to support you. mlamb@willowbank-inf.wokingham.sch.uk (Monday and Tuesday)
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You can contact the school office - admin@willowbank-inf.wokingham.sch. Please ensure you keep up to date with all the school dates/news and PTA events at our website, www.willowbankinfant.com. Mrs Masters publishes a weekly newsletter every Friday.