



Week 11th – 15th January 2020
Topic: Around Our World



Dear Parents,

We hope your first week of on learning 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. We will also try to make our meetings interactive, it was lovely to see the children joining in with our local area quiz and shape work 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-eem

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 starting the week with Handa's Surprise a traditional story set in Africa. We will be retelling the story as well as using adjectives to describe the delicious fruit. On Wednesday we will be writing a list. On Friday we will be writing a sentence using our knowledge of letters and sounds. The worksheets for Wednesday and Friday can be found in the 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/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/).

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

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.**

Expressive Art and design-

This week we will be drawing fruit using our observational drawing skills and also making an African necklace. There are examples in the Expressive Art and Design folder.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World-

This week we will be finding out facts about Africa. We will also be cutting fruit apart and looking to see what the fruits look like inside. Do they all have seeds? How do they feel? How do they taste?

Maths- We will mostly be following the White Rose home learning videos and activities. This week we will be focusing on zero as well as comparing numbers. You can have a go at the activities following the lesson videos. On Monday we have a power point with a voice over and a worksheet to complete all about the number zero.

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.uk. 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.