



Friday 23rd February 2018

Welcome back after 1/2 term. We hope you had a good week; the children have certainly enjoyed telling us what you have been up to!

Thank you for attending our parents meetings this week. If you were unable to make it then please pop in to see me for a rescheduled appointment.

This week we have been hearing about the children's' half term holiday news. They have all worked really hard on writing about it too; remembering full stops, capital letters, finger spaces and listening for sounds in words. The children have been really interested in the start of our new topic. Our Chinese restaurant area is proving to be very popular and learning about the Chinese culture, New Year celebrations and listening to Chinese stories is really capturing the children's interest. In maths we have been working hard on counting forward and back to 100 and finding numbers on either a 100 square or number line. We have been using the terms 'more' and 'less', identifying 1 more and 1 less and writing the corresponding number sentence. Many of the children are still struggling with their number formation so any additional work at home on this would be of a benefit.

Letters and Sounds We have been learning the digraphs 'ur', 'ow' and 'oi' and the trigraph 'igh'. We have also worked on reading and spelling the words 'now' and 'down'.

Next week is a **Healthy Schools Week!** The children will be taking part in activities that will promote healthy relationships and friendships, healthy minds, healthy and active bodies and healthy food options. We will look at ways to keep ourselves healthy and safe including cleaning our teeth, washing, sleeping well, being tidy and using equipment safely. We will also discuss making friendships, being kind to each other and speaking to people we know (stranger danger).

Fruit and Veg We would like to create some healthy art next week. Guiseppe Arcimbolodo was an Italian artist and we would like to recreate some of his ideas. We would really appreciate it if your child could bring in some fruit or veg to use for this on Monday. Many thanks!



World Book Day is officially on Thursday 1st March. We will send home book tokens that you and your child can redeem in any bookshop. As a whole school we are currently planning a 'Book Week' for later in the year and so Class R have decided to postpone our dressing up day and other activities until then. This way we can keep in line with the rest of the school and spend next week concentrating on being healthy! Apologies for any confusion on this.

Letter formation 'test' Hopefully I have put many of your minds at rest that the weekly letter formation and spelling tests are a gentle introduction to being 'tested'. The children work in small groups in a relaxed atmosphere to show us what they can remember and have been learning.

St Minver's Starters 2017 is a Facebook page that has been set up by some parents in Class R. Please like and follow the page for an additional way to communicate with the other parents in your child's class.

Swimming Class R will be swimming in the summer term. We will split the class in half and therefore 1/2 of the class will swim in Summer 1 (after Easter) and 1/2 will swim in Summer 2 (after half term). A letter will be sent home in due course.

Weekly Challenge Help your child to complete the maths worksheet. Focus on number recognition 10-20 and formation of the numerals.

With best wishes,

Alicia Warren