

Reception Newsletter

Summer 1 term 2019

Staffing: Mrs L Rahman (Assistant Headteacher—Leading Foundation Stage)
Miss L Manzi Class teacher (RM) Miss N Begum Class teacher(RB)
Support Staff: Miss Carroll & Miss Sue (Nursery Nurses), Denise (SLSA), Maryam,
Syeda , Zahanara (LSA) & Nadine (TA).

Spare Clothes: Please could I remind you that you are expected to bring a set of spare clothes for your child and leave this on their peg with their name clearly marked on the bag. This will allow us to attend to child's need quickly without the need to call you. Please ensure your child's uniform and other clothing is clearly labeled with their full name and class.

Last term we had to call up several parents to bring in clothing as their child needed to be changed, unnecessary delays causes discomfort and distress to children, which can be avoided if they have their spare clothes in school.

Topic: This half-term our topic is 'Under the Sea'.

We will be exploring the following key stories linked to our topics: 'Bravest Fish', 'The Creation Story', 'Sharing a Shell', 'Under the Sea' (non-fiction).

Online Safety

Online Safety is important at Old Palace Primary. You can keep up to date with Online Safety News in the school monthly newsletter and using the link below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

Vocabulary

Please help your child in developing their awareness and understanding of the following topic word:

Fish	Coral	Sea/Ocean	Octopus	Seahorse	Hermit Crab	Lobster
------	-------	-----------	---------	----------	-------------	---------

Trips: This half term we have planned to take the children to The Sealife Centre near Westminster Bridge on Monday 29th April. The cost of the trip is £5 per child. We will be travelling on the underground and aim to leave school at 9.30am and be back by 3.20pm.

Events: Bug Club drop session Wednesday 24th April 9am - 10am
Reception trip to Sealife Centre Monday 29th April
Play and Stay session- Maths Focus Wednesday 1st May 9am - 10am
RM class assembly Friday 17th May at 10am.
Arbust project performance Saturday 18th May at Olga Primary school
Time- TBC.

English: In English, each week the children will be reading the key text stories and will be creating their own story narratives based on the story theme. Children will be beginning to write simple sentences, using 'wow words' (adjectives) and the use of Key words.

Maths: In number skills children will be learning doubling and halving. They will also continue to consolidate addition and subtraction using single digits. In Shape, Shape and Measure children will be exploring environmental pattern and creating their own using everyday material. The children will learn about symmetry and understanding the features of a Symmetrical and a non-symmetrical pattern looks like.

Key words: Please continue to read, write and spell the weekly key words with your child, its important that they practice reading them and memorising them as it will support them with their reading and writing.

Friday Reading

Every Friday afternoon between 2.50pm -3.05pm we get the children to read for enjoyment. Children select their own books and read by themselves or with a friend. We would like to invite more parents to join us during this time to help promote reading and encourage children to enjoy sharing a book and being read to. We welcome parents to bring their own books to share or even come in for storytelling to a small group of children. Just let the class teacher know and they will be happy to facilitate this.

Weekly Homework:

Children will be bringing English and Maths homework which will be linked to their class work. The children are encouraged to explore and further practice the key concepts of the topic. We aim to ensure that the learning is kept practical, but some work will require them to record and complete a worksheet.

Reading books: Every Friday your child will receive a story book of their choice, It is very important that you read with your child **every day** and children become familiar with stories. This term we will begin to send out levelled reading books in addition to the story book.

Books need to be returned every Friday in a book bag along with the key words, in order for your child to receive a new book. Unfortunately, books won't be changed if the original book is missing, damaged or your child has not brought in their book bag. There is a charge of £5 for any lost or damaged books.

Pupil Premium: You can claim for Free School Meals by completing a claim form available online from the school's website or by telephoning the benefits service on 020 7364 5001.

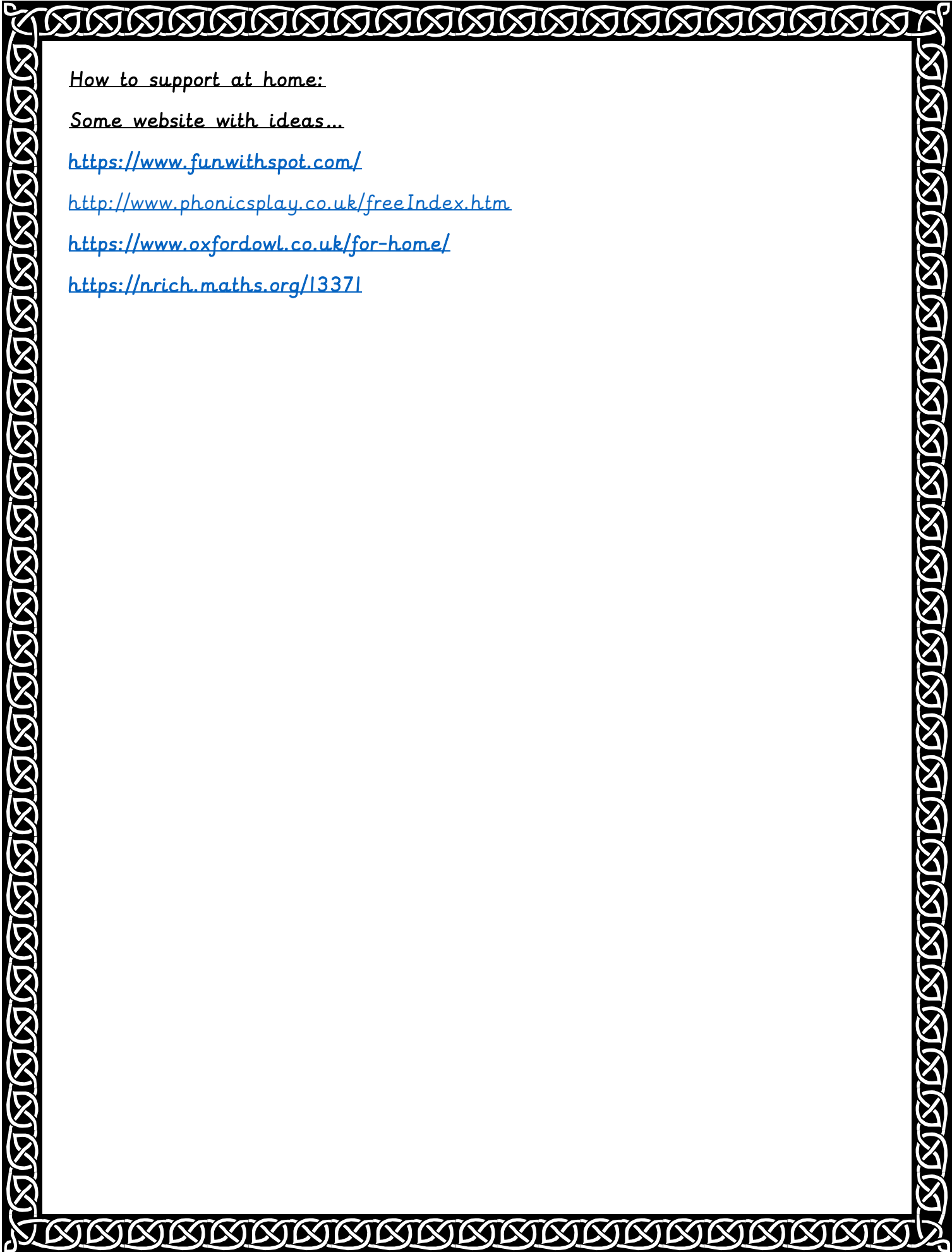
Notices:

Please ensure you keep your personal details such as mobile and landline numbers up to date with the school office. Any changes must be informed immediately to the school office. Also, if there are any changes to your child's collection list please let the school office know immediately. This will minimise any misunderstandings and distress to the child as staff will be unable to release any children with anyone who is not been stated on the collection list authorised by the primary carer.

Medication

If your child is asthmatic, you must bring in an asthma pump to leave in School together with a completed asthma card, which can be obtained from the school office. The school is only permitted to administer medication prescribed by the GP and parent's must complete a medical consent form before any medicine is sent to school for administering.

Please let us know if your child has any allergies and send in any medication that needs to be kept in school for use and when needed.



How to support at home:

Some website with ideas...

<https://www.funwithspot.com/>

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/freeIndex.htm>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/>

<https://nrich.maths.org/13371>