



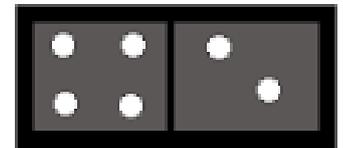
Friday 12th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

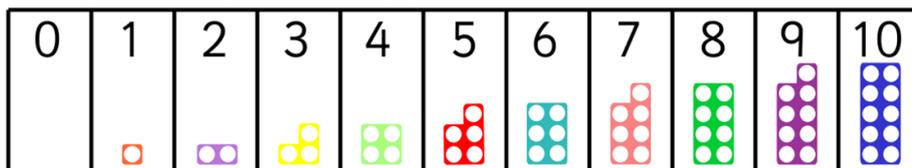
This week we have continued to find about doctors and nurses and the jobs that they do; becoming experts at dressing up and taking on these roles in our surgery. We are becoming increasing able to use the new words in our play - **stethoscope, thermometer, temperature, tongue depressor, syringe, medicine, prescription, surgery, chemist, heart, spine, x-ray, skull, lungs**. Ensuring that we are safe as we walk to school, we have learned about road safety and have reinforced these skills in our outdoor play.

Our focus in phonics has been introducing digraphs - two letters that make one sound. We have introduced the children to the letters **sh ch th ng** and the sounds that they make. Making the sound **th** is challenging. Your child needs to put their tongue between their teeth and pull their tongue back to say the loud **th** sound as in **this, that, them, then** and the quiet **th** sound as in **moth, thumb, think, bath** is made by stick their tongue out between their teeth and blowing. It is easy to confuse the loud sound **th** with **v** and the quiet sound **th** with **f** if it is not said correctly and this will make spelling words such as with (wiv) and think (fink) tricky. We have also worked on hearing the difference between **ch/tr** e.g. tree not chree, train not chrain. **Ch for choo choo!**

During maths, we have used numicon, cubes, dice and interactive games to explore addition problems and have begun to record our findings using pictures, numerals and symbols such as + =
We use the words; **add/plus equals/makes**



$$4 + 2 = 6$$



Home Learning challenge

To copy the letters **sh ch th ng** and have a go at writing these independently. Please continue to encourage your child to hold their pencil correctly as they do so. They can also draw pictures or stick in photos or objects that contain each sound such as a **ship, chocolate, bath, king**.

In preparation for our emergency services visiting over the next few weeks, please help your child to learn their address. It is important for them to know their house number, the road in which they live and their home town of Swanage should they ever get lost or need to call the Emergency services.

Thank you for your continued support

The EYFS Ducklings' team ☺