



Friday 26th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we had a visit from Dorset fire and rescue team. Jon and James came in to tell us all about their job and talked about how we can keep ourselves safe. They told us about things that were safe or unsafe in our homes. We are now experts at knowing what to do if there was a fire; **shout, get out, stay out and call 999**. We even know how to stop, drop and roll! Taking on the role of a firefighter was great fun, especially trying to get changed into a firefighter uniform quickly and squirting water from a real fire hose.

In phonics we have linked sounds to the letters **the long sound oo** (m-oo-n, t-oo) **the short sound oo** (l-oo-k, g-oo-d) **ar** (f-ar-m, h-ar-d) **or** (f-or, h-or-n). It is important that your child understands that **oo** has two letters and makes two sounds; a long **oo** as in **zoom** and a short **oo** as in **look**. We have introduced joining these letters as this makes them easier to remember and prepares your child for joining their writing in year 1.

During maths, we have learned about money and why we use it. We have looked at the value of 1p, 2p and 5p coins and found out that there are no 3p or 4p coins! Using our problem solving skills, we explored using different combinations of coins to make amounts.

| Price List | | Shopping Cart | |
|------------|----|---------------|-----|
| | 1p | | 8p |
| | 6p | | 9p |
| | 3p | | 4p |
| | 7p | | 2p |
| | 5p | | 10p |

Home Learning challenge

To copy the letters **oo ar or** and have a go at writing these independently.

Your child can also draw pictures or stick in photos/objects that contain each sound.

Whilst out and about, you may like to challenge your child to explore coins, counting how much and also making amounts. **Top tip - we count how much each coin is worth, not how many coins there are to find the total. Remember a larger coin is not always worth more!**

Please help your child to learn their address. It is important for them to know their house number and the road in which they live, should they ever get lost or need to call the Emergency services.

The EYFS Ducklings' team 😊

