



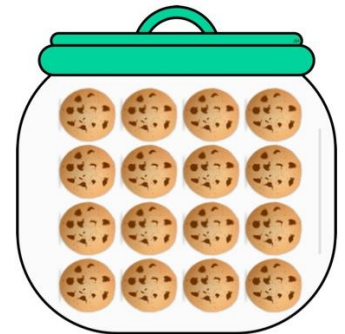
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

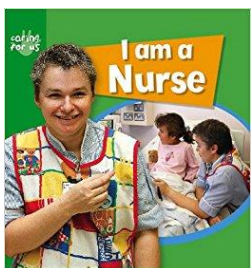
We hope that you have all had an enjoyable and restful holiday. May we take this opportunity to thank you for the generous gifts that we received and wish you all a happy New Year.

We have sent home our new topic leaflet to share some of our learning with you. Thank you to those who have returned their topic brainstorm "People who help us." If you have not yet done so, please do, so that we may personalise the learning for your child and support their ideas. We have also displayed some of the home learning that your child has made. It is still not too late to get creative! We loved the hospitals that Lilly and Abigail built, Lucas's split pin skeleton and the pictures that Katarina carefully drew.

This week we have been learning to **estimate**; making a good guess at how many. We have tried to think about whether amounts are more or less than five, more than ten or more than 20 and then counted to check. We have then added or removed some and decided whether we needed to estimate a bigger or smaller amount.



During our phonic sessions, we have been learning to read and write our tricky words and using our skills to read and write simple words and sentences. We have also practised smart letter formation and some of us are trying to use finger spaces between words as we write.



We have shared non-fiction books about doctors and nurses, to find out about their jobs and we have watched clips to see how they look after patients. We will soon be experts at dressing up and taking on these roles in our surgery! We have introduced new words that doctors and nurses use, including: **stethoscope, thermometer, temperature, tongue depressor, syringe, medicine, prescription, surgery, chemist, heart, spine, x-ray, skull, lungs.**

Importantly, we have talked to your child about keeping safe and never touching medicine without a grown up. In music we have sung *Miss Mollie had a dolly* which can be accessed via the link <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00wfxlf>



### Home Learning challenge

To create an emergency vehicle for our people who help us topic. Will you paint and decorate a box or even construct one with lego? The choice is yours!

Thank you for your continued support

The EYFS Ducklings' team ☺