

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

During our Marvellous me topic this week, we have used Matilda's idea and looked at some of the different types of houses that some people live in, including flats, bungalows, caravans, yurts, tree houses, tepees, igloos and stilt houses. Using Kieran's idea, some of us have built houses with lego, other's used Pippa's idea to build dens building outside with crates, sheets and pegs

During phonics, we have introduced the children to the letters **i n m d** and the sounds that they make. We have been learning to listen carefully to hear the first sound in a word and even tried to think of things that start with the **i n m d** sounds such as; **iii**gloo, **nnnn**et, **mmm**an, **dddd**og. Please help your child to say these sounds clearly and to do the matching actions. You may even challenge them to find their new sounds on the letter mats inside their reading record books.

Your child has also taken part in a group read to develop their reading skills. We shared the book 'The Headache'. We use pink to highlight what your child can do successfully and green to show their next learning step. Please send in your child's reading book each day, so that we can share their book with them at school and don't forget to make a comment when your child has shared their book with you at home.

In our number work we have been learning to count carefully by moving the objects into a line as we count them and then counting to check we have been accurate. We have been using this skill in our play making sure we have the right amount of; animals on the farm, cars in the car park and trains on the track. We have played number Bingo too; matching numerals to amounts. Perhaps you could encourage your child to count objects at home such as how many oranges in the fruit bowl? How many toy cars in the box? How many conkers have you found? We have even taken on the challenge to write our numbers up to 6.

**Home Learning challenge - Wow, last week's effort was fabulous. Well done!**

To copy the letters **i n m d** and have a go at writing your own. Please encourage your child to hold their pencil correctly as they do so. They can also draw pictures or stick in photos or objects that start with each sound such as; **mm**onster, **mmmm**oney, **dddd**oll, **dddd**inosaur. We have also attached another fun I spy game that you can play with your child whilst out and about this weekend, focusing on the initial sounds **i n m d**.

Thank you for your support, it really does make a difference.

