



Friday 5th October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,



As part of our Marvellous me topic this week, we have painted our own self portraits. Looking closely in the mirror has helped us to make good colour choices for our eyes and hair. We have found out that we are all different and that makes us special and unique. In addition, we have named parts of the body. We have also introduced the characters from the Oxford Reading Tree books. A copy of this has been put into your child's reading record so you can help them to learn the names of the characters. This will support your child's reading.

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; **iiiigloo**, **nnnnnet**, **mmman**, **ddddog**. 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.

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.

We have sent home your child's Christmas card this week, so you can have a look and decide whether you would like to purchase sets of these in time to send to family and friends. All orders and money to be returned to school **before 19th October 2018**

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; **mmmonster**, **mmmmoney**, **dddoll**, **dddinosaur**. 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 (first) sounds **i n m d**.

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

