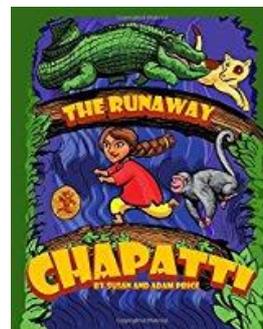


Friday 16th November 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

In phonics we have introduced the children to the letters **j v w x** and the sounds that they make. You can revisit and practise the sounds that we have learned so far, using the small photocopied letter mat inside the front cover of your child's reading record book. Good ways to do this is for you to say the sound and let your child point to the matching letter/ picture and then swap roles so that you point to the letter and your child says the sound and does the action. We have applied our phonic skills during guided reading and writing sessions.

During our number learning we have continued to add amounts together and use this skill in our play, with activities targeted to focus on accurate counting, finding the total by counting altogether and for some, counting on from the biggest number. Dice games are a great way to practise these skills to support your child.

As part of our *Once upon a time* topic, we have shared the story of *The Runaway Chapatti* and talked about the similarities and differences with *The Gingerbread Man*. We have found out what a chapatti is and how it tastes!

We have found out what children in need is all about and how the money that we have raised today will go to help other children.



During an assembly by Wessex Water, we found out where our water comes from and what sewage is - with a nice demonstration of how to make sewage soup! We learned about which things we should and should not be putting down the toilet by singing the three P rhyme! We talked about ways that we use water, including the importance of washing our hands and how we can save water.

We have found out about why Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas and listened to the Christmas story. We named the characters and created a value line as to which characters we felt were the most/least important and why. Singing rehearsals for our Christmas play have begun!

Home Learning challenge

To copy the letters **j v w x** and have a go at writing your own. Please continue to encourage your child to hold their pencil correctly as they do so.

The EYFS Ducklings' team ☺