





Friday 9th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have all had an enjoyable holiday and we would like to wish you all a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

A big well done to those who have completed the home learning project. We have enjoyed sharing and celebrating your wonderful creations which we will proudly display in our classroom.

To begin our topic, the children have shared non-fiction books about doctors, nurses and paramedics to find out about their jobs. We have also watched clips to see how they look after patients. Together, we have created our own doctor's surgery and are becoming experts at dressing up and taking on these roles. We have introduced new words that doctors and nurses use, including; **stethoscope, medicine, prescription, surgery, thermometer, heart, lungs, syringe, receptionist, patient.** Everyone enjoyed using the stethoscope to listen to our hearts beating. Importantly, we have talked to your child about keeping safe and never touching medicine without a grown up.

During our phonic sessions, we have revisited the letters and sounds **ch sh th ng** and increasingly, we are able to read and write words that contain these digraphs. Top tip – remember to stick your tongue out when you say "th". Two new tricky words have also been introduced; **they my**. They are called tricky words because we cannot sound and blend to read them fully, there is a part that trick us out so these words need lots of practise to read them on sight. Scan the code to sing the tricky word song.

SCAN ME

In maths we have continued to practise our subitising skills; saying how many without needing to count. We have also introduced the number name, numeral and concept of zero as 'nothing there' and 'one less than one.' In addition, we have sung number songs where 1 more is added to an amount or 1 is taken away to make the amount 1 less. Scan the code to practise these counting songs: 5 Little Apples, 5 Currant Buns, 5 Little Ducks, 5 Speckled Frogs, 5 Little Spacemen, 5 Little Monkeys, 1 Big Hippo. Ask your child to use their fingers to represent how many as they sing.

SCAN ME

<u>Home Learning challenge</u>

To complete your home learning project for our people who help us topic: e.g. junk model fire engine, ambulance, police car. Please take the time to share your child's reading book with them. The progress of those children who do read their books at home daily is greatly increased and they are becoming more confident and independent as readers. We also love to earn a golden ticket!

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We value our parents as partners. Please leave a comment on any aspect of your child's learning. Things they are enjoying, new learning that they may have shared with you or things that they may be finding tricky.

My child's name: Date: