



Week 7: 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

Dear Butterfly and Ladybird Class,

We hope that you have had an enjoyable half-term break and are ready for the run up to Easter. We are going to carry on with our topic of 'People who help us' this week by learning about the role of police officers.

The task for this week starts with listening to the story of Burglar Bill by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. (There is a link to follow on the timetable, but there are many versions of readings of the story online as it is a very popular book.) When your child has listened to the story, the task for this week is to produce a 'Wanted Poster'. There is a blank Wanted poster on the website for you to use, or you could create one from scratch. It is important that the children to draw the pictures themselves. They should look at a picture of Burglar Bill on the internet or in the book if you have it. Please encourage your child to write the words and help them to 'sound out' if necessary. They might do the drawing in one session and the writing in a second session. If they draw the picture first, it will help them to describe the character. It is a good idea to ask your child to describe the Burglar Bill to you first before they start the poster.

#### **Google Classroom and Google Meet**

We will email you with the times of the Google Meets for the week of 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

If you are still having difficulty joining Google Classroom and Google Meet, please let one of us know as soon as possible. This week, the plans and home learning information will be on the website, but from next week, we will put information and home learning files on Google Classroom so that everything is in one place. This might also resolve problems that a few people have been having with following the links on the PDF timetable.

#### **Timetable**

The timetable contains a large number of activities plus additional ones to give you a variety of activities across the areas of the EYFS. Please remember that you are not expected to complete everything on the suggested timetable. There will be times when events mean that you are not able to, or do not have the time to complete a lot of school work. We would recommend that you try to keep up with the phonics and maths and choose from the other activities when you have more time.

# Religious Education - The Eucharist - Gathering

This week, we start to explore the Eucharist. The word Eucharist comes from the Greek words for thank you (Thanksgiving) because it is an action of thanksgiving to God. It reminds us of the thanks that Jesus made to his Father at the Last Supper. The parish family finds strength in gathering for the celebration of the Eucharist, a sign of God's love in our lives. We share memories, love and thanks.

There are background notes for parents and an outline of the activity on the website, along with a copy of the story 'Happy Together'.

# Daily Maths - White Rose Maths - Growing 6,7,8 - Week 3

This week, the maths focuses on measurement – height, length and time. The activity sheets are on the website and the links to White Rose Maths are on the suggested timetable. You will notice that at this stage, the children will be measuring length and height in non-standard measurements, eg. 'How many blocks high is the teddy bear? or 'How many hand spans is the table?'

#### Reading

As we are unable to send home reading books at the moment, please use Reading Eggs with your child. There is a wide range of books at all levels in the 'Library', including books about People who Help Us. Links to books that are required are on the suggested timetable.

# **Additional Activities**

We give some additional 'pick and mix' activities every week for you to choose from if you would like to complete a range of cross-curricular activities. These are optional and you do not have to try to complete all of them.

Please remember to keep all your child's work at home and date each piece. We will put their work in their file when it is safe to return to school. Please send in each week's home learning task (in green on the timetable) on Wednesday or Thursday. This is the only piece of work that you need to email us.

We look forward to seeing you for the Google Meets this week.

Best wishes,

The Reception Team