

Dear Families,

Wow! We are so impressed with the lovely home learning that the children have been doing! Thank you all for this! We have put some examples on display for you to enjoy!

Thank you also for the lovely feedback we have been getting from parents saying how pleased you are with the progress of the children - this is lovely to hear and we are also delighted with the progress that the children are making.

This week we have only had a few days to concentrate on our phonics, but we have learned the new sounds:

j

v

w

Please do have a look at these with the children, it helps their reading so much to keep practicing at home.

We have also been learning about Snow White this week and have one day to celebrate Divali and Fireworks night! In Snow white, we have printed with apples, made playdough faces in the magic mirrors and ordered the seven dwarves by height!

This week at home, we would like the children to try the following:

Draw a picture of Snow White and the Seven Dwarves and label your picture using your sounds.

Please note, you will help your child the most by allowing them to write what sounds they hear in words. If they wish to write "Snow White" and do not know - encourage them to say it slowing and write what sounds they hear. At this stage it is very common to hear "S, n, o" "W i t" - this is fine, please let the children write what they hear and you can write underneath what they meant - we would rather see this than copied words at this stage as the children will develop their writing skill as they become more experienced with spelling! Don't be afraid - let them do what they can.

We are also looking for **cardboard boxes** please for next week! We have a junk modelling activity planned, so please could everyone have a hunt around for any cardboard/show/cereal/amazon(!) boxes that you may have and bring them in on Monday! (or through the week)

Finally, please could all parents **bring in a pair of Wellies (in a named bag) and a coat** and put on the children's pegs for the week next week.

Thanks very much as always!

The Reception Team

Please note - future dates will include a Children in Need walk to the woods (18th November) and parent pupil interviews are coming on (15th and 16th November!)