

Early Years Foundation Stage

Newsletter – 1st February 2019





Here is an outline of our exciting learning experiences and how this could be supported further at home.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in Puffins and Penguins we have continued our work on 'People Who Help Us'.

We welcomed a volunteer speaker from the registered charity, Devon Air Ambulance Trust, who talked about the incredible work they do. In 2017 it cost £6.4 million to run the service, they rely on the support of the community. The children were fascinated by some of the rescue stories and it even inspired some future paramedics and pilots. They were very interested in the use of night vision goggles but at a cost of around £18,000 he was unable to bring them with him.

The following day, Paramedic Mr James Wenman from South Western Ambulance Service came to visit us. The children had the opportunity to ask questions and climb aboard an ambulance. Mr Wenman put some children in a vacuum splint, and he turned on the blue lights and sirens. We rehearsed a 999 emergency call enabling the children to understand when and how to make the call. Thank you to Mr Wenman for a fun and informative visit.

To celebrate the work we have done on 'People Who Help Us', on **Wednesday 6th February** we invite the children to dress up as someone from the community who helps us. This could be a Doctor, Firefighter, Paramedic, Refuse Collector, Army, Navy, Air Force, Crossing Patrol, Vet etc.



Home learning

- Ask your child to order some items from around the house in order of height or length take a photo or write down how they did and add them to their red book.
- Try some simple subtraction problems e.g If I have 15 marbles and 5 go down the marble run how many will I
 have left? etc
- Write a thank you letter to one of our recent 'People Who Help Us' visitors.

Important Dates

6th Feb – Fancy Dress day 'People Who Help Us'

14th Feb - Foundation and KS1 Disco

26th and 27th Feb - Parents Evenings

In Maths we have been adding and subtracting. We have been challenging ourselves with number problems and working with our talk partner. Next week, we will explore doubling and halving.

Many thanks, Foundation Team