Another full and exciting week! Well done to everyone for keeping going despite the start of some colds and coughs - you are super stars!

Please make time to talk to your child about what we have been learning this week, using this sheet as a prompt:

- The children are continuing to settle in to the routines of school exceptionally well. We are all very proud of the way the children are playing beautifully together and sharing. We are working hard on listening to instructions and why we have to be good listeners to keep safe and to be a super learner.
- This week the children have explored both classrooms and have enjoyed all the different activities. They have played with the new cars and garage and have been building some brilliant models with the Lego and K-nex. Some have enjoyed playing in the sand and water tray, while others have enjoyed playing in the role play and with the doll’s house. Many have enjoyed sharing a book on the carpet and listening and singing along to nursery rhymes.
- We have continued to have fun in the outside area sharing the bikes and scooters, exploring the different sheds, and looking at all things Autumn- the rustly brown leaves and acorns.
- In Maths, we have sung lots of counting songs, some we know and some that were new! We have sung beautifully and then answered tricky questions about the numbers in the songs. We looked at the ladybird numbers in Mrs Smith’s classroom and practiced writing numbers 0-5 on the interactive whiteboard.
- In Literacy we have been learning some nursery rhymes that we will be singing to everyone at the Rhyme Challenge later this half term. Keep practising them at home! We have also shared some fabulous books about families such as Pirate Gran! We were very good at drawing and talking about our families and drawing pictures of them!
- In Phonics the children have learnt 4 new sounds and actions /s/ /a/ /t/ and /p/. We practiced writing the grapheme with our finger in the air, on the floor and on our hand. Please keep practising with your child at home.
- In PE this week, we have been learning to get changed and to carefully keep all our things in our PE bags and our shoes under our seats with our socks tucked in to them. We were all superstars at getting changed by ourselves and our teachers were very impressed by how hard we tried! Once in the hall we learnt how to stretch our bodies and warm up ready for exercise. We played games to help us move about the space safely.
- Every day we have talked about the school rules and the sunshine, the decision cloud and the sad cloud. We have talked about making good choices and being kind and helpful members of our school. Each day the golden rules become easier for us to remember and we will continue to practice them.

**Book Bags** - If you haven’t already, please can you write your child’s name on the front of their book bag. It really helps them to quickly find their book bag, without opening all the front pockets to see their name.

**Hair** - Please can you ensure that girls with shoulder length or longer hair have it tied back each day at school. This is very important for their safety and also discourages little visitors!

**Contact Book** (the yellow one!) - Please feel free to write any messages in your child’s contact book about your shared reading as we’d like to know how you get on. It is important that the contact book comes in to school every day. We will change library books and reading books on Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday. We appreciate that the children are tired and may not feel like reading at the moment but if you can get in to the habit of reading with your children each evening (even just a page or two) that would be brilliant as it will certainly help with their reading progress.

**Rhyme Challenge** - The children have been learning some nursery rhymes as we begin our preparation for the Nursery Rhyme Challenge performance (please see letter sent home for full details). They all sang with beautiful voices and used amazing actions! Ask your child to sing these to you this weekend! It will make you smile!

**PE Kits and Wellies** - Please can you bring in a pair of named wellies for your child- we will soon need them for going to the nature area and across the field! PE kits (red shorts and a white t-shirt) need to be kept in school - please bring them in if you haven’t already.

*Have a restful weekend everyone!*

Mrs Smith, Miss Smolinski and Mrs K