

## **Reception Home Learning – Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

### **This week:**

This week we have continued to explore 'Astro Girl' by Ken Wilson Max. We have followed the children's interests and curiosities to learn about the night sky, astronauts and all things space related. This varies per class. We have also looked at key vocabulary from the story such as asteroid, spaceship, near-zero gravity and many others.

In maths, we focussed on subitising - the ability to look at a small number of objects and instantly recognise how many objects there are without needing to count, e.g. the dots on a dice. We focused on numbers 1-6 as children are familiar with those formations on the dice.

Our number of the week is number 8.

Today is Children in Need day and the children came dressed up in something yellow or spotty, like Pudsey Bear, with a donation for those less fortunate. It was a fun day doing many Pudsey related activities! Thank you for your generosity.

Our key word this week is **of**.

### **Parents' Information:**

#### **Phonics Groups**

Following our phonics assessments last week, there has been some movement across the differentiated groups to ensure each child is in a group which best supports their learning needs. You may notice some repetition in their phonics home learning. Please continue to support your child at home using the resources in the yellow book bag. This really helps to consolidate their learning and support them in making progress.

#### **Workshops**

Thank you so much for your feedback regarding our phonics webinar and the maths workshop – it is great to know they are useful and have been well-received. We are currently planning our offering for Spring Term and would love your suggestions so we can support our families appropriately. Please email Laura, [laura.moore@rhodesavenue.org.uk](mailto:laura.moore@rhodesavenue.org.uk) with anything you would like guidance on within a workshop or webinar.

#### **Celebrations**

There are a number of special occasions coming up such as Hanukkah, St Andrews Day etc. If you are celebrating any of these and would like to share your family traditions with the children, please let your class teacher know and they will arrange the best way for you to do so.

#### **Sharing a Story**

Sharing a story daily enhances your child's learning immensely. We ask that when you are reading a story, maybe before bedtime, that you ask questions about the text, e.g. How is the character feeling?; Can you think of a different ending to the story?; Are there any clues in the pictures?; etc. This helps children to understand the story and it develops comprehension and language skills.

#### **Something to do**

##### **Subitising**

We have included an activity for you to do together with your child so they can practise their subitising skills. (Hopefully you will have a dice to use at home, if not; perhaps you could make one together.) Some of the dots will be in recognisable formations and others will be a challenge 😊