

Geography focus:

Go on a houses and homes hunt within the village. What numbers can you spot on the doors? How many windows can you count? Look for different shapes and patterns within the buildings including circles, triangles, squares and oblongs?

We will be learning about different types of homes including detached, semi-detached, bungalows, flats and terraced houses, see if you can spot examples of these on your walk. You could photograph an example of each and stick it in your homework book.

Phonics, Reading and Writing Focus:

Play I spy

Using a bedtime story book or one from our sharing library snuggle up and enjoy the book together.

Draw a picture of your favourite character or the story setting.

Write the weekly shopping list.

Design and Technology Focus:

Collect some junk model materials such as cardboard boxes, toilet rolls and yoghurt pots. Use these to make a model of your house. You could take a photograph of the front of your house or draw a picture of it to help you plan what your model needs to look like. Take a photo of your model or bring it in to school for everyone to see.

Kittens Homework Menu 'Houses and Homes'

Homework Expectations in Foundation Stage:

- Read your phonics book at least three times to an adult
- Phoneme recognition using all phonics cards sent home
- Reading the words in your word wallet by sight, not sounding out
- Weekly letter formation
- Complete the weekly Mathematics activities
- Choose and complete at least two activities from this Homework Menu during the half term. You can do more if you would like to.

All recorded homework should be completed neatly in your homework book, with the exception of Mathematics. Feel free to add any photographs of artwork or outdoor activities as evidence.

Homework books will be sent home on Fridays and should be returned on Wednesdays with completed homework for that week.

Passwords and usernames can be found in the back of your homework book.

Science Focus:

Go on a Winter walk, take notice of how the weather is changing as the season and weeks pass by. Take photos of nature such as holly and other berries, frost, ice, frozen spider webs etc what words can you use to describe what you find? Complete the 'Winter Hunt List' and 'Winter Scavenger Hunt' activity sheets.

Have a go at the 15 minute Melting Ice Investigation.

When on your houses and homes walk, take notice of the different materials used.

History Focus:

As we learn about castle life and what it was like to live in the past you could visit a castle to bring the learning alive; Mountfitchet, Norwich, Hedingham, Framlingham, Oxburgh, Warwick, Castle Acre and Castle Rising all within two hours drive of Cambridge! Take photos of your visit and stick them in your homework book.

PSHCE – Wellbeing Focus

The 5 steps to wellbeing are to take notice, connect, be active, give and keep learning. To support your wellbeing how many of the '50 Things to Do Before you're 5' can you complete this half term? Take photos and add them to your homework diary so we can see what you have been up to.