

Literacy learning overview

This week we are moving into the second phase of the literacy unit. This phase focuses on the grammatical skills we want your child to learn. It gives them a chance to rehearse these skills but in the context of our story 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. This phase lasts for two weeks and by the end of it your child will be doing some modelled story writing to prepare them for independent story writing in the last phase of the unit (phase three).

The success criteria is therefore...

- **I can learn new topic vocabulary.**
- **I can write command sentences with the correct vocabulary and punctuation.**

If your child is writing sentences to practise the grammatical skills we are learning, it is important to encourage them to write the sentences within the context of our story. This gives them an opportunity to rehearse sentences that they may use in their independent writing in phase three.

The activities are...

- Design (and make, if possible) a healthy lunch for Mr Grinling. This links to our science work of how to keep the body healthy. Draw a picture of your lunch, or take a photo, and explain your choices.
- Read and discuss new key topic words, create a word wall in your home school book.
- Play 'Bossy Bats' to rehearse and understand command sentences.
- Write a recipe for your own Lighthouse sandwich using command sentences. Look at some recipes at home to identify the features and think about how to set it out on the page. Your recipe should include title, list of ingredients, method, numbered points. Ideally this activity should take two sessions so your child is encouraged to take their time to explore other recipes, perhaps make their sandwich and then present their work carefully and neatly.

Where there are opportunities to make things this week I would strongly encourage you to do so. Practical activities can really help to motivate your child to complete written activities as they are more purposeful, they have the experience that they can then write about, they are learning new skills and they're fun!