



Dear Parents,

Our focus this term is - **People Who Help Us - Police**

For the week beginning **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**We will be:**

- Finding out about the different responsibilities the Police have and how they look after our community
- Making model police cars and emergency vehicles
- Identifying and labelling equipment that the police use
- RE- discussing "which spaces are specially valued and why"
- Maths - saying the number that is one more/less than a given number

Happy New Year! Our first week back has been very busy and the children have shown fantastic learning already in their maths, literacy and play.

In Read Write Inc, we have learned the last few 'Special friends' (two letters that make one sound) in Set 1 (sh, ch, th, qu, ng, nk). The children have now moved onto Red Group. In this group, they will learn Set 2 'Special Friends' and will also be bringing home a Red Ditty Storybook in their reading pack to practise at home. A ditty is a name for the first stage of learning about sentences, they do not include punctuation. The book is very structured with different pages for different types of words. The books are used as a teaching tool over a 4 lessons. On the fourth day, the children will bring the book home to continue practising and developing fluency and it will be changed every forth lesson. Please also continue to practise the Sound Blending Books alongside the Red books. Please let me know if you require any further information to support your child.

To start off our new topic 'People Who Help Us', we have been learning about the role of the Postman. We have been talking about the things we would like to achieve this year and/or get better at. We decided to write these in a letter to our parents so that you can hopefully help them achieve their goals. We walked to the postbox and on our way back we met Don the postman outside the school! We drew our own maps of our walk around Podington, you can see them on Tapestry. Hopefully you have received your letters in the post.

Please may we ask for more small boxes and bottle lids. Our junk modelling station has been emptied by the children's constant love of creating 'masterpieces' and we would like to make some emergency vehicles later in the week.

Kind regards, Miss Fairey and Mrs Dennis