

# WEEK 4

# Valentine's Day



## PHONICS Tricky Words

Look at the tricky word and sound it out. Which part doesn't look the way you would expect it to? This is the tricky part that we need to learn by heart.

Use the tricky word cards to play a version of noughts and crosses (see the next page).

Alternatively, you could print two copies and play pairs.

## WRITING Love Hearts



Cut out some paper hearts. Draw pictures of people that you love on one side of the heart and write something you love about them on the other side. Encourage your child to write the sounds they can hear. In Reception we want children to make phonetically plausible attempts at spelling e.g. luv for love.

## FINE MOTOR Chocolate Playdough

Mix 1/2 cup ready made chocolate icing (we used Better Crocker) with 2 1/2 cups of icing sugar using a spoon. Knead with your hands to form a dough. If it is too sticky, add more icing sugar. If it is too dry you can add a drop of water. Roll the playdough into balls, or cut out shapes using cookie cutters and decorate them with cake sprinkles. You could even put them into a empty chocolate box.

## MATHS Higher or Lower

Take the heart cards out of a pack of playing cards. Explain that the ace card is 1. Shuffle the cards. Place one on the table face up and the rest is a pile face down. Ask your child to guess if the next card will be more or less. Turn the next card over and count the hearts to check if they guessed correctly.



# Tricky Word Cards - Hugs and Kisses

The tricky words have got sound buttons and lines. The pink button or line shows this part doesn't look how we would expect it to. The heart shows this is the tricky part that we need to learn by heart.

Draw a noughts and crosses grid.  
Cut out the tricky words and chose 9 cards. Place one card in each section.

Player 1 reads a tricky word. Then they should remove the card and draw a hug (draw a circle).

Player 2 has a turn. They should draw a kiss (draw a cross x).

The first player to get 3 in a row is the winner.

be	her	X
X	O	are
O	she	me

he

she

we

me

# Tricky Word Cards - Phase 3

be

you

her

are

was

all

my

they