

Reception Newsletter

Friday 20th September 2024

Another busy week has passed by and I am so pleased with how the children have settled in. They have done so well getting used to the routines of school and have done so well during their first week of being at school full time! Well done Reception!



The children have enjoyed showing and talking about their 'All about me' booklets in class and they did so in front of the whole class, which is very brave!

This week we have started to teach phonics in class. At Leybourne we follow the 'Little Wandle: Letters and Sounds Revised' phonics scheme. This week the children have learnt the terminology 'phoneme' and 'grapheme'. The children know the letters have a letter name and a sound that they make. A phoneme is the sound the letter makes and a grapheme is how the sound is represented by letters. This week we have covered the following sounds: s, a, t and p. The children found items that begin with the letter sounds we have focused on and enjoyed playing games where they practised their blending skills. The children have also had a go at forming each of these letters on whiteboards.

A separate letter about the 'Phonics Information Evening' we are going to be holding here at school, as well as some Phonics/Stay & Play Sessions you are invited to, will be sent home today as we would love to share how we teach reading and phonics at school.

The children have practised counting and learning number correspondence this week. We have been using five number frames to count up to 5 objects and then match those objects to the corresponding number. We have also focused on 2D shapes, recognising, naming and describing their properties. The children enjoyed making 2D shapes using different resources.



We thought about Harvest this week and looked at some real produce such as carrots, potatoes, bananas, pears etc and discussed how the food grows and how it is harvested. The children also created lovely oil pastel drawings of the produce which we are going to use on our Harvest display in class.

The children have been enjoying their 'Activity Time' sessions where they get to play inside and outside. There is a lot of varied play (as you can see from the photos) and the children have enjoyed catching up with friends, playing with new friends and exploring all the different areas and resources. They also have loved the puzzles and construction resources they use when they first come in to school in the morning – there has been some great teamwork/problem solving going on! I hope you will enjoy seeing the photos on Tapestry this week, and a reminder to sign up for your child's account if you haven't done so already.

Have a lovely weekend and we are looking forward to another full week at school next week!

Best wishes,

Mrs McKiernan



