



Reception Newsletter

Friday 17th September 2021

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 our classroom. They are certainly ready to come in full time next week!



We have started to cover a little bit of phonics this week and we have introduced the children to the sounds the letters make from a – z ie ‘a’ as in ant, ‘b’ as in bat etc. We have particularly focused on the ‘s’ sound this week. The children have played various games which help them to recognise this initial sound in words. Maybe you can see if your child can spot these letters around the home, at the shops or in books you read together and you could discuss the sound they make. The children may be able to show you some of the actions we have learnt to go with each sound.

The children have started to think about Harvest this week in our Religious Education lessons and how it is a special time for Christians; it is a time when they thank God for what he has provided us with. We read ‘The Gigantic Turnip’ and discussed how plants and vegetables grow. The children enjoyed creating pictures by printing with various different fruits and vegetables. We have also read the ‘Creation Story’ from the Bible.

The children have practised counting and matching a number of objects to numerals. We have used the following website this week: -

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

On the Topmarks website we focused in particular on the Underwater Counting Game and Ladybird Spots, but there are many more the children may enjoy playing at home.

Please could the children bring in their ‘Getting to Know Me Box’ on **Monday 20th September** so we can share them in class on our first day as a whole class. Many thanks.

We will be having our first PE session on **Thursday 30th September**, once the children are settled into their full day routine so please ensure that the children have their PE kits in school by that Thursday please. On PE days



please ensure earrings are removed (as we are unable to do this in school) and they are unable to be taped up and ensure long hair is tied back. Many thanks.

I would just like to share the morning and end of the day routines in Reception as the children have been split into morning and afternoon sessions; you may not be aware of these routines. In the morning the children come into school between **8.40am and 8.50am** and myself and my TA's will be on the gate to welcome the children in. I will be on the gate initially and then I will stay in the classroom with the children, completing an early morning activity until all the children have arrived. Then my TA's will be on the gate to see the rest of the children in and across the playground. The gate will be shut at **8.50 am**. Please collect your children at **3:15pm** from the playground at the end of the day. The gate will be open from 3.05pm.

At lunchtime myself and my TA's will be accompanying the children into the lunch hall for the first few weeks to get them settled and used to the lunch time routine. In the mornings I will ask the children to self-register for lunch so please remind them whether they are having school dinner or packed lunch each day. Children who are having packed lunch can place their lunch boxes on the trolley outside the Year 2 classroom. We will show them where this is as we take them into school in the morning. I am sure they will all love the lunches!

I have set all families up on Tapestry now so you will start to receive observations of your children playing. We have certainly loved playing with the children and getting to know them in Activity Time over the last few weeks and look forward to having all 30 children together.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend! I look forward to the whole class joining together on Monday! ☺

Best wishes,

Miss Dale