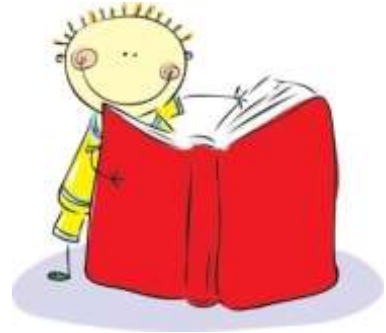


Reception Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2023

Wow, I cannot believe we have reached the end of our first week already, it has gone so quickly! We have had a lovely week getting to know the children. The children are settling into their new school routine really well. They are doing really well coming into school, many seem happy and confident walking across the playground which is fantastic. Well done children!



The children have had a really busy week learning, playing and making new friends. I have included some photos at the end of the newsletter so you can see what we have been up to this week in Activity Time.

Just a heads up that next week the children are going to make a Christmas card design (which is a little strange for September and very early!) the design can be made into cards, put onto a mug, place mats, labels etc. Apologies if your children start getting excited for Christmas a little early! More details regarding purchasing the Christmas design on different items will be coming in a separate letter. Here is an example of the artwork your children will be creating next week.



This week the children have been practising counting to ten and working on number correspondence. We have enjoyed singing lots of number songs such as five little speckled frogs, five little men in a flying saucer and five little monkeys jumping on the bed. All of which they love as they enjoy the videos on our big smart screen!

Although Reception do not normally receive home learning activities, I would like to ask everyone to prepare an 'All About Me Box' ready to bring into school on **Monday 18th September** when the children are all in full time so they can be used as a getting to know each other activity when the class join together for the first time. I would like the children to decorate a box (it could be an old shoe box, for example, that you decorate) and clearly have their name on the box. It would be lovely if the children could place items inside the box that will help the other children get to know them a little bit better and find out what their interests are. Items such as a favourite toy, photos of family or pets would be great, tickets or leaflets from favourite days out, activities they like doing at home, pictures of favourite foods etc. – really, anything which the children feel they would like to share with the other children in their class.



Thank you for returning the 'All About Me' booklets, I have enjoyed finding out more about the children and hope this was a nice activity to do together over the summer. Their 'All About Me' booklets will be placed in their Learning Journals in school.

The children have received their first reading book today, a textless book, for you to share at home. We will change these books once a week. Each time you read with your child please can you write a little comment in the contact book so that we know you have read together. When we start teaching phonics (when the children are in full time) and the children are ready for a book with words we will send home a book with text. Please don't worry if that is not for a while, we like to make sure the children are secure enough with their phonics and have developed their blending skills sufficiently as we want children to enjoy reading and develop that love for books. I will be holding a Phonics Information Evening for parents on **Tuesday 3rd October at 6pm**. This will provide you with information about how we teach phonics (the prime approach to teaching reading) in school. We hope lots of you can come and join us. I will be sending a separate letter home about the Phonics Information Evening soon.

The children will be having their first Woodland Learning session on **Thursday 19th October**, the last week of term. We will only have one session this term as I would like to settle the children in before we go into the woods, there will be two sessions a term after this term. I will provide you with more information about Woodland Learning in a newsletter nearer the time.

I am in the process of creating accounts for all the children on Tapestry now and everyone should have received an email by the middle of next week (if not sooner) which provides details about how to create your parent account and set a password so you can access photos and observations of the children.

I hope you all have a great weekend and that the children are looking forward to coming to school again next week! It has been a fantastic week and we are looking forward to working with the children and parents! 😊

Best wishes,

Miss Dale



Activity Time



