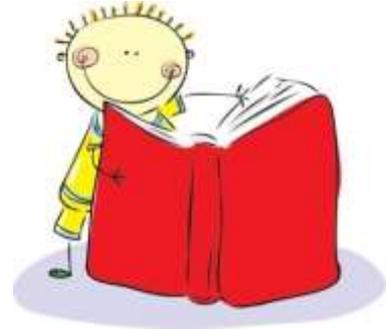


Reception Newsletter

Friday 23rd September 2016

The children have been fantastic this week! They have settled in well to their full time routine and it has been lovely to have the whole class together. The children enjoyed sharing their 'Getting to know me' boxes and I was impressed with the effort and care which went into all of them. It has been a lovely way for us to get to know each other. Thank you for supporting them with this activity.



In phonics this week we have revised the letter names learnt so far and have focused on some letter sounds in particular. This week we have focused on p, i, and n. The children have played various games which helps them to recognise these initial sounds in words. We have also been practising forming these letters on whiteboards and holding a pen correctly. When we have our phonics evening I will also share some information on our handwriting scheme at school and how we teach the children to form their letters as we use the pre-cursive script.

The children have practised counting and learning number correspondence. We have also focused on 2D shapes, recognising, naming and describing their properties. The children also practised estimating how many objects they could see and counting the objects to see how close they were.

Due to it being the first week in school full time the children did not do PE this week as they needed the time to settle in. Our PE days are usually Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The children will keep their PE kits in school (as sometimes our days may change) and then we will send them home at the end of each term. We will be doing PE next week so please ensure your child's PE kit is in school by Tuesday. Please can I remind you that earrings must be removed so if your child has trouble with this please remove them before school on PE days? Many thanks.

We thought about Harvest this week and looked at some real produce such as carrots, parsnips, swede, courgette 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.

The children really enjoyed their first Italian session with Mrs Ward this week and learnt how to count to 10 in Italian and say hello and goodbye. They are very much looking forward to their next session!

On a Monday I have my KS1 Leader time and on a Tuesday I have my PPA time so Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Burling are with the class on those afternoons

and will see them out at the end of the day. They will also be able to pass on any messages you may have.

It is quite normal at this age that the children sometimes have little accidents and need a spare change of underwear and clothes. It may be useful to have spare sets in their school bag but we do have plenty in school. If your child does borrow a change of underwear or clothes please wash and return them to school. Many thanks.

The KM came in to take our photos this week, so keep an eye out for us in the local paper! ☺

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Miss Dale