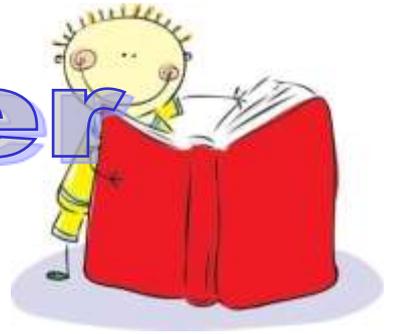


Reception Newsletter



Friday 9th September 2016

Wow, I cannot believe we have reached the end of our first week already, it has gone so quickly! The children are settling into their new school routine really well and I hope they are not feeling too tired yet. They are doing really well coming across the playground and into class independently. I am so pleased we have not had any tears. Well done children!

The children have had a really busy week learning, playing and making new friends. In our phonics this week we have introduced the children to the letter names and the sounds those letters make from a – z, i.e. ‘a’ as in ant, ‘b’ as in bat etc. 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 the actions we have learnt to go with each sound.

I will be inviting you along to a phonics information evening soon and a phonics session in school with the children so that you can find out a little bit more about how we teach phonics at school as this will then help when you read at home with your children. I will inform you of that date soon.

The children have been practising counting to at least ten and working on number correspondence. We have sung lots of number songs such as “Five little speckled frogs”, “Once I caught a fish alive” and “Five little monkeys jumping on the bed”, which they love!

Please look to our school website to view a topic web which provides you with a curriculum overview of our Harvest topic and Our World/Environment. I provided you with a hard copy at the beginning of the week.

It is lovely that so many of the children are enjoying their reading book at home. The children’s reading books will be changed once a week, usually on a Monday. The contact books are a really good way of communicating between home and school and it has been lovely to read your comments about how your child is getting on with their reading book or generally in

school. Please write a little note each time you read the reading book so we can find out how they are doing at home with the stories and know that we will need to change their book. Please do not feel you have to write lots and lots of detail but it would be great if you could write a sentence or two about their reading.

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 19th September** when the children are all in full time, so they can be used as a getting to know each other activity. I would like the children to decorate a box (could be an old shoe box, for example) 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, along with tickets or leaflets from favourite days out, or 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.

I hope you all have a great weekend and that the children are looking forward to coming to school again next week! I have had a fantastic week getting to know the children and I am looking forward to the year ahead! 😊

Thank you for your support!

Best wishes,

Miss Dale