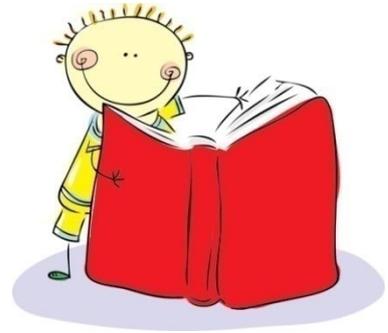


# Reception Newsletter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

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 really well and I hope they are not feeling too tired yet. They are doing really well coming in across the playground and into class independently with very few tears, which is great. Well done children!



The children have had a really busy week learning, playing and making new friends. 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. 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. This will then help when you read at home with your children. A letter regarding the phonics evening will be coming out soon.

The children have been practising counting to at least ten and working on number correspondence this week. 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 screen in class!

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. We change the books more frequently as the year goes on. The contact books are a really good way of communicating between home and school and it has been lovely to read your comments this week 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 (it 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 their favourite days out, or activities they like doing at home, pictures of favourite foods, holiday photos etc. Anything which the children feel they would like to share with the other children in their class would be ideal.

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 for you to do together over the summer.

I hope you all have a great weekend and that the children are looking forward to coming to school again next week! Mrs Mitchell and 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