

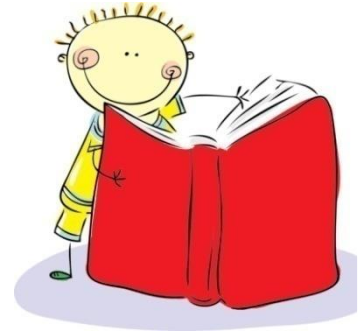


Reception Newsletter

Friday 14th September 2018

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 are ready to come in full time next week!

In phonics this week we have revised the letter names learnt last week and have particularly focused on the following letter sounds: s, a, t and p. The children have played various games which help them to recognise these initial sounds 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? You could discuss the sound they make.



The children have started to think about Harvest this week 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. Then the children created beautiful paintings by printing with various different 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 17th September** so we can share them in class? We will ask the children to keep them in school for a few days, maybe the week so we can have lots of time to look at them. I just wanted to let you know as in the past some children have become upset if their absolute favourite toy (or bedtime toy) is in the box and they worry they cannot have them all week. They can always take these toys out of the box and take them home with them on Monday. I cannot wait to see them! 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; therefore you may not be aware of these routines. In the morning the children can come into school from **8.40 am**. Mrs Mitchell and I will be on the gate to welcome the children in and I will be in the classroom with the children once the first children have come into school. The gate will be shut at **8.50 am**, so if you happen to be late one morning (sometimes it just happens) please don't worry, just go and sign your child in at the office and they can come into class. At the end of the day we will bring the children out onto the playground and stand in front of the double doors by the hall (they have a theatre scene painted on them).

Reception will be going into lunch a little earlier than KS1 so that they have more time to collect their food and get settled. Mrs Mitchell and I will be accompanying the children for the first few weeks to get them settled and used to the lunch time routine. In the morning I will ask the children to self-register for lunch so please remind them whether they are having school dinner or packed lunch. 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!

Also, just a reminder that the KM are coming in to take Reception's photos to put in the paper on **Tuesday 18th September** between 10 and 11am.

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

Best wishes,

Miss Dale