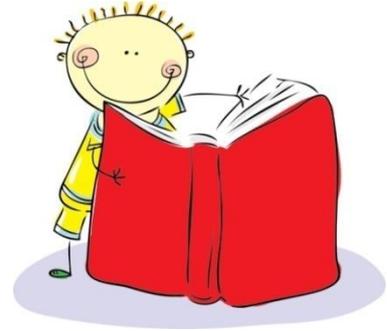


# Reception Newsletter

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018

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 our pen correctly. When we have our phonics evening I will also share some information about 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.

The children enjoyed their first PE lesson this week and did really well having a go at undressing and dressing. I would like to apologise in advance for any PE items that go walkabouts, we do try our absolute best to ensure everyone has their own items after a session. Thank you for naming many of the items, this really helps us find the right owner. We will send the PE kits home at the end of each term.

We thought about Harvest this week and looked at some real produce such as butternut squash, leeks, celery, onions 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.

On a Monday afternoon I have my PPA time and on a Wednesday afternoon I have my KS1 Leader time so Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Burling will be with the class on those afternoons and will see them out at the end of the day so they will be able to pass on any messages you may have.



Mrs Hickmott is Chair of the PTFA and would like to invite you to the first PTFA meeting on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 8pm at the Old Rectory**. Any help and support greatly benefits the children as the PTFA run so many events to raise money for the school. Any new volunteers would be great! Any time you can spare would be gratefully received, even if it is now and again. Many thanks.

Just a reminder that we have our first ever Forest School session on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September** with Mrs Murray. I think the children will love it! I know a letter went out regarding the session, the sort of activities we will be doing and the clothes the children need to wear, but I just wanted to add a bit more! The children can come in wearing their forest school clothes and bring their uniform in a separate bag to change into afterwards. If children's welly boots are quite clean, they can come into school wearing the boots, if not we can change them in school before our session. Please provide a separate plastic bag to put the welly boots in after the sessions as they can get ever so muddy. A towel and spare socks and underwear would also be useful as we can get rather wet in the woods and stream!

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

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Miss Dale