

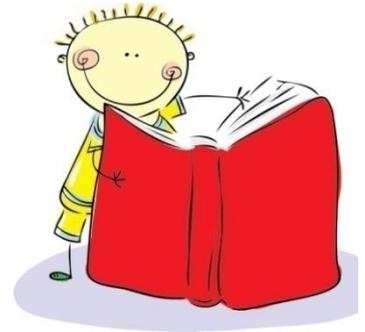


# Reception Newsletter

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

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 our classroom. They are certainly 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 and t. 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 the books you read together? You could discuss the sound they make.



The children have started to think about Harvest this week in our Religious Education lessons 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. 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 5<sup>th</sup> October** so we can share them in class on our first day as a whole class. Many thanks.

We will be having our first PE session on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October**, once the children are settled into their full day routine so please ensure that the children have their PE kits in school by that Tuesday; they don't have to bring them in on Monday as they will have their 'Getting to know me boxes' to carry in. On PE days please ensure earrings are removed (as we are unable to do this in school) and long hair is tied back. 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; you may not be aware of these routines. In the morning the children come into school at **9:00am** and my TAs and I will be on the gate to welcome the children in. I will be on the



gate initially and then I will stay in the classroom with the children, completing an early morning activity until all the children have arrived. Then my TAs will be on the gate to see the rest of the children in and across the playground. The gate will be shut at **9.10 am**. Please collect your children at **3:15pm** from the gate at the end of the day. As the children are now full time, if they have an older sibling in school they are able to come in at the same time as the sibling and go home at the same time as the sibling. Myself or one of my TAs will be on the gate at the earlier times to see these children into school and one of my TAs will walk them out at the earlier times at the end of the day.

Luckily, hot dinners are available from **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October** when the children start full time. My Tas and I will be accompanying the children into the lunch hall for the first few weeks to get them settled and used to the lunch time routine. In the mornings I will ask the children to self-register for lunch so please remind them whether they are having school dinner or packed lunch each day. 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!

I hope that you have all been enjoying looking at the observations of your children on the Tapestry programme over the last few weeks. We have certainly loved playing with the children and getting to know them in Activity Time. We subscribe to the programme every year, unfortunately the invoice has not processed yet, by the time the subscription comes to an end, therefore it may tell you the subscription has expired. Please don't worry, we have been assured this should be running again like normal by Monday.

Below are some photos of the children playing during Activity Time. I thought you might like to see a little of what they have been doing since starting school.

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

Best wishes,

Miss Dale



# Reception Activity Time

