

Reception Home Learning – Week beginning 1st October 2018

This week:

Our topic this half term is 'Marvellous Me and Fantastic Friends'. We have introduced the children to the book 'This is Our House' by Michael Rosen and next week we will read 'We're All Wonders' by R.J. Palacio. We have looked closely at the similarities and differences between ourselves and have had lots of fun painting our self-portraits for our class display. We have continued to work hard on separating from our parents/carers in the morning - thank you for your support on this.

We have been learning about the systems in place in our classrooms, the activity street, outdoor area, dining hall and the infant playground. The children have been wearing special visibility jackets so that other children and adults know they are in Reception when they are in the playground.

We have had PE sessions in the hall and this will take place every Friday. The children are already thoroughly enjoying these sessions. At the moment we are not wearing PE kits because we are practising how to take off and put on our shoes and socks independently.

We have started our phonics sessions every morning. The sounds we have been learning in class are: m, a, s and d.

In maths we have been reciting numbers and matching quantities to the numeral. We have also explored 2D shapes and spotted them around our environment. It has been a busy few weeks!

Parents' Information Meeting:

The PowerPoint from the meeting for parents on Monday 1st October is now on the Reception webpage on the school website. Here is a summary of what was discussed in the meeting for those of you that were unable to attend:

- Phonics sessions take place every morning at the start of the day, so it is vital that your child arrives on time for school.
- A link will soon be available on our web page in order for you to hear how the sounds are pronounced. We stress that they are said in a pure way to enable blending.
- There will be one key word as the focus each week.
- 1:1 reading will be taking place in school every week and will start next week. Sound sheets to help consolidate their learning will be sent home weekly.
- Home learning will be uploaded on to the Reception web page every Friday for you to access online.
- Yellow reading bag will need to come into school on your child's reading day (information to follow).
- Please do not send your child into school wearing tights on a Friday when it is our PE day.

Sharing a Story

Sharing a story daily enhances your child's learning immensely. We ask that when you are reading a story, maybe before bedtime, that you ask questions about the text, e.g. How is the character feeling?; Can you think of a different ending to the story?; Are there any clues in the pictures?; etc. This develops comprehension and language skills.

Practical Maths Ideas

Counting (with a focus on understanding that numbers identify how many objects are in a set)

- How many fish fingers are on your plate for dinner?
- How many people are in your family?
- How many toy dinosaurs/cars/dolls do you have?

Shape (awareness of similarities in the environment)

- Can you find squares/circles/triangles/rectangles in your house? e.g. What shape are the windows?