

Reception Home Learning – Week beginning 20th September 2021

This week:

We introduced our core text for our topic 'Me and My Fantastic Friends'. 'This is Our House' by Michael Rosen is a story about children starting school and learning to share space and resources together. We have discussed the rules and routines for school and the children are adjusting to daily life in Reception.

On Monday we had our first forest school session. The children became familiar with the rules and had a great time exploring the forest area.

We have also started our whole class phonics sessions and have been focusing on saying the 'pure' sounds. Our key word this week is 'I'.

In maths we have been doing lots of counting of objects and actions. Our number of the week is '1'.

Parents' Information:

- If you haven't already done so, please provide wellies for forest school and a change of clothes for your child to keep at school. Remember to include spare socks too. It's best to provide these in a bag that the child is familiar with and have it clearly labelled with their name. This bag stays at school.
- We will use yellow book bags when we start our phonics group learning. This is likely to be at the beginning of October. Once we start our phonics group sessions, we ask that you bring the yellow book bag into school on Monday and it will be returned with phonics weekly learning on Thursday.
- Birthdays –
We like to celebrate the children's birthdays in school to help make their day even more special. We blow out candles on a (pretend) cake and sing happy birthday. If you would like to provide some treats to share with the whole class, we ask that you bring something that is individually wrapped, e.g. raisins, mini rolls, bear yo-yos, pom bears, homemade cakes in a zip lock bag, etc. Please arrange this with the class teacher due to allergies that may be in the class. Unfortunately, due to the current circumstances, we are not allowed to invite parents in to the classroom to join these celebrations. Photos will be added to Tapestry for you to see.

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 helps children to understand the story and it develops comprehension and language skills.

Something to do

Counting to 10 – look around the house for things to count with your child for example you could gather a small collection of cars, animals, pasta etc and count together. Focus on placing the objects in a line and using a finger to touch each object and say the number as you count.