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## Foundation Newsletter Lions and Tigers

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow, the Lions and Tigers have made a fantastic start to their school careers! We have been so impressed by how independent they have become: coming into school in the morning; being responsible for their belongings and lunches; singing the register and working hard in class jobs.

### Home to School Communication

We believe home to school communication is essential in your child's learning journey. One member of the Foundation Team will be on the door every day, feel free to approach us for any queries, questions or concerns. We will be sharing our walk and talk update on the Foundation door and via Twitter (@BPS\_JungleTeam). We also use the Tapestry app as a way to share photos and observations of your child's learning in school. We encourage you to check this regularly and share with us your observations from home. Please can you let us know if you have been unable to log on to Tapestry so that we can ensure everybody is fully activated.



### Big Learning Parties

We would like to invite you to share in a half termly 'Big Party'. The children will be working towards and developing skills in preparation for each 'Big Party'. We will then ask you in to school to work alongside your child (who will at this point be an expert at a particular skill!). The first 'Big Party' will be the '**Big Paint**' which will take place on **Wednesday 23rd October at 2pm.**

### Forest Schools

Forest schools will begin after Half Term. Children will need wellies and waterproofs. Wellies may be kept at school or your child can bring them on the day. Lions and Tigers will rotate so your child will be going to the forest once a fortnight on a Thursday. On this day, please collect your child from the Key Stage 1 playground.

Parent helpers are essential to the running of the forest schools trips and they are a fantastic opportunity to share in your child's learning. If you are able to help (and have submitted a DBS check to the office) please see a member of staff on the door.



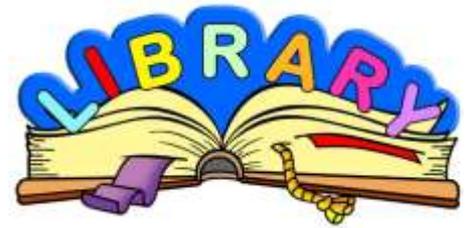


### Home Learning

Home link books will be sent home fortnightly on a Friday. This will be a chance for you to share a fun learning experience with your child. We ask that you return the books by the second Monday following their issue so we can celebrate your child's learning with the whole class. We would encourage you to upload photos and videos to Tapestry of your child's home learning, if so please indicate this in the book.

### Library Books

We have started library visits. This year we will be visiting the library every week on a Tuesday. Please ensure children return their books by the following Monday to allow them to enjoy a new book and to experience a range of books.



### Reading Records

We have sent home a reading record for each child. We encourage you to read with your child as frequently as possible. Please use the booklet to record the titles you have shared. At this stage we would anticipate that these will be stories you are reading to your child but please also encourage them to spot words used frequently, join in with repeated phrases, discuss the meaning of new words and ask comprehension questions. Please send the booklet back into school once you have completed one page of the record so that we can celebrate and issue house points.

### Read Write Inc

We have started the Read Write Inc (RWI) Phonics programme, learning our initial sounds. As we finish each block of sounds we will send home a 'word time' sheet for the children to share with you. These are for you to complete and keep at home for your reference. We will be inviting you to a phonics workshop after half-term before we begin sending reading books home.



We hope the information in this letter is useful as we move through the first half term of school. There are lots of things to look forward to this term and plenty of ways for you to get involved in your child's first year at school. We will be staying in regular contact so please do check the Foundation noticeboard, Twitter and school website regularly to ensure that you are kept up to date with important messages.

Many thanks for your support as we start the new school year.

### The Foundation Team