

Reading books will be changed every Friday. Please use the reading diary to communicate with school about your child's reading. This can be as simple as 'Super reading tonight!' or more detailed if you wish. Any urgent messages please speak to Miss McNeill or visit the office.

At home, children benefit from practicing their self-help skills such as dressing, using a knife and fork, putting on their own coat and independently using the toilet. The children are required to use these skills often in the school day and we are working with the children in school to build their independence in these areas too. These skills are objectives in the Development Matters framework that the children follow in Reception and they are assessed on these objectives regularly.

Miss McNeill has been gathering 'baseline' assessment from the reception children. This has included sitting with the children, playing maths games, taking part in listening and attention activities and getting to know the children and their learning styles, as much as possible. The final assessments will take place next week, before we get stuck into our new learning! Lots of the children are eager to, which is wonderful to see! We will begin phonics next week, starting with Phase 2. The BBC have a wonderful programme called 'Alphablocks', which we often use in our phonics learning, due to it being engaging with fun characters! The children's BBC magazine is often themed with the programme and the 'Alphablocks' sound tiles are often a free gift, which are excellent for home learning! Keep your eyes peeled in the supermarket!

Mornings	Afternoons
English (to include phonics) and Maths <i>Reception children will take part in their PE lesson on a Thursday morning.</i>	Topic lessons including Understanding of the world, PSED, Physical development, RE, computing and expressive arts.



Elm Class Newsletter

Friday 13th September 2019



Welcome...

to Elm Class. Our Early Years Foundation Stage is led by Miss McNeill and is supported by our teaching assistant Miss Shone. Other familiar faces include Miss Southcott, who helps support the children in their learning in the mornings and Mrs Golden, who teaches the children on Tuesday afternoons.

Outstanding medication

Please can we request any outstanding inhalers or medication to be sent into school as soon as possible.

Useful information...

-PE for Reception children this half term is on a Thursday morning after breaktime. This is led by our sports coaches from 'Sportscool!' and supervised by Miss Shone.

-Our lunch menus were sent home last week for parents/carers to look at and to be discussed with their child. We apologise for any confusion caused or if you were told you would need to choose lunches. The children choose their own lunch the afternoon before with their class teacher.

-This term our topic is called 'Family Album'. An outline of our learning linked to the 'Development Matters' framework (The EYFS 'curriculum') is attached.

-Please feel free to speak to Miss McNeill at the gate either in the morning or at pick up time. Should you need a longer meeting please do contact Miss McNeill directly or pop into the office to organise a mutually convenient time.

Don't forget your wellies!



Tuesday 17th
September- Parent drop in session.
3.30pm

As mentioned in our Induction evening, we will be running a voluntary donation system called 'Feed the pig'. As EYFS is heavily resourced, the donations help to enhance your child's learning, buy extra resources or subsidise school trips.

