



30th September 2016

Dear Parents,

In phonics this week the children have been learning to listen for the first phoneme in words and match two or three words that begin with the same letter. Please practise playing eye spy with them to encourage them to tune into hearing the initial sound/phoneme in words and matching them to the objects that they see around them.

In maths this week the children have been learning to recognise 2D shapes, create pictures using shapes and talk about the shapes they see around them. You might like to go on a shape hunt around your house and record what shapes your child found and which they were able to name using the sheet attached.

Star of the week: Each week one child is awarded 'Star of the week'. This could be for developing one of the characteristics of effective learning, which are: Playing, Exploring and Engagement Active Learning and Motivation or Creating and Thinking Critically.

They may also receive this for impressing us with a piece of work they have created or for developing a new skill.



Small Reminders

- Please encourage your child to practise putting on and taking off their jumpers, socks and shoes. Teaching them to do their own coat zip and to undo and do up buttons. We will be starting PE this week (Friday) and this will help them to be independent within the classroom. Be prepared for some of their clothes to be back to front and inside out but please praise their efforts and independence if this is the case.
- The children have shown a real interest in animals over the last few weeks and we are planning to add a vets to our role-play area. If anyone has any toy animals soft or plastic that they would be willing to donate from home we would really appreciate your support in enabling this interest to develop.
- One more request for wellies and PE kits: if your child's wellies or PE kits are still at home please bring them in (named) as soon as possible. The children are not allowed to take part in PE without a PE kit so please ensure this is at school by Thursday 6th October.

Thank you to those of you who attended my phonics meeting on Friday. The PowerPoint from this meeting will be available on our class page as suggested by some of the parents very soon.

Miss Hughes

