

Foundation stage Newsletter

Dear Parents Carers and Children,

November 2018

Welcome to a very exciting and busy half term!

A big thank you for encouraging your children to say good-bye at the door and come into the classrooms by themselves -they seem so independent now and it helps them to look after their belongings. We are pleased to say everyone has settled in to school now and are getting used to the rules and routines and having lots of fun learning. Please feel free to talk to any member of the team if you have any concerns about your child, we will be happy to help with support and advice.

Reading and Writing

Thank you for the work you have done supporting your child's phonic development- they are working hard on their letter sounds and starting to link them to reading and writing. Any work you do at home will benefit their learning.



The sounds we have learnt so far are:

s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, ck, e, u, r



Your children may be able to start to recognise these sounds in their reading books and may be able to start sounding out and reading some 2 and 3 letter words.

Our reading books are changed regularly so please make sure they bring their book bags, also please remember to sign your child's reading record book after you have shared their reading book at home so we know to give your child a new one.

Date for your diary—Monday 26th November 2.15pm

Mrs Chapman would like to invite you to a literacy meeting. This will help you gain a further insight as to how we teach reading and writing to your child at school, as well as ideas you can use to further support their learning at home.

Dairy Dates

Christmas Craft/ Sing- a-long- Friday 14th December (more information to follow)

Christmas Disco- Thursday 6th December

Christmas Party- Tuesday 18th December

Christmas Lunch- TBC

Parents Voice

During the Foundation Stage, the children are observed in their play which we use to assess their development and inform future activities. We are aware that children also learn a great deal at home and we would very much like to hear about it. It may be that your child has ridden their bike without stabilisers for the first time, starting to notice letters around them, dress up, make up their own songs etc. All of these achievements are important to us and your child's development and we would love to hear about them. Please share your child's achievements on the yellow WOW

What are we learning?

This half term we are learning about different occupations and People who help us such as; Police officers, fire-fighters, doctors/ nurses and vets.

We will also be learning about some Autumn and Winter celebrations such as Christmas and Bonfire night.

Uniform

Please make sure your child's clothing is named as uniform all looks the same and it is hard to match un named items to their owners! As the weather is getting colder they will need hats, gloves, etc and these items are easily lost, they will also need boots or wellies for wet and snowy weather as we play outside in all weather conditions. Please could we ask you to give them lots of praise and encouragement to put on their coats, hats, scarves and gloves independently. It is brilliant when they

Packed Lunch

Lunchboxes- Please ensure your child brings a healthy lunch to school, and a drink that is separate to their classroom bottles which should be filled with water. If your child brings grapes to school please cut them in half so they are safer to swallow.

Some ideas—What to pack:

Sandwich/crackers
Fruit/vegetables
Yoghurt
1 x chocolate bar/cake

