

Reception newsletter

Friday 9th September 2016



Notices

Please could you ensure that ALL children come to school with a water bottle. Your child should only have water in their bottles and any juice will be thrown away and replaced with fresh water. We also have a "no toys" policy in school so can you make sure children leave their teddies, comforters, dolls etc at home. Later in the term we will begin "Open Door" where parents can come into school to discuss their child's learning. It is also a time where you can look at your child's learning journal, including any work they have done that week.

Welcome to Lea Endowed

The children have had a great start to school life this week and have all settled into their new roles perfectly. Each day the children have been gaining confidence leaving their parents and entering their new classroom. It has been so lovely seeing them become independent little learners and I am really excited about spending the year getting to know all the children more and teaching them many exciting lessons. This week has been all about getting used to the rules and routines of everyday school life. We have been getting to know each other and have been doing lots of circle time activities to hear our friends talk about their home lives, what pets they have and what they like to do whilst at home. The children have all been given their first reading book this week and they were all super excited to share these with you. This book has no words and the key is to discuss the pictures with your child and ask them questions about the characters. I have included some key questions and prompts in your child's reading bag to help you further with this. Your child will be read with twice a week in school and their book will be changed on these days. Please ensure you sign the reading record to tell us that you have read with your child.

Welcome Meeting

On Thursday 22nd September at 6.00pm, we will be holding our welcome meeting for all new parents. This meeting will be a chance for you to come into school and find out what your child will be learning this year. We will also be discussing how you can help your child with their phonics and reading.

Next week in Reception

Next week we will be beginning to teach your child the first set of sounds in phonics. This will include s,a,t,p,i. Many children have already learned these sounds whilst at nursery but we will recap these key skills and begin to blend the sounds together to make words. It is important that these sounds are pronounced properly in order for your child to become a confident reader. There is a fantastic clip on YouTube to help you with this (see link)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ksblMiliA8>

Our theme for this term is "All about me" and "People who help us". We will be learning about our families and how we are all different and special. We will be looking at people in the community who help us every day and we will be having some very special visitors into school over the next few weeks.

Pictures from home

I am just in the process of downloading an app that will enable parents and teachers to keep in contact with each other. The app allows parents to send pictures into school along with any significant learning that your child has done whilst at home. Please can you ensure that we have all of your email addresses in school so I can register everyone onto Tapestry. I will keep you updated on my progress with this. Many thanks

Homework

For our topic "All about Me" I would like the children to work with you and make a family tree. If you could send your finished work in by Monday 13th September and we will discuss our families during circle time. If you have any questions about this please come and see me in class.



Some ideas of a family tree

