

EYFS Weekly Newsletter

15th September 2017



This Week in EYFS

It has been another lovely week in school. The children are gaining in confidence in coming into school and are beginning to engage in many adult based learning activities. We have been reading the story "Funny Bones," and the children have enjoyed retelling this story in their own words. We also enjoyed watching the cartoon of this book; the children thought it was very funny when the skeletons went to the zoo to visit the skeleton animals.

Our focus this week has been all about our families. We have been doing group work speaking and listening activities with the children talking in groups and telling the other children about their families. It has been lovely getting to know the children and finding out about their lives at home. We have made a lovely display in class with pictures of the children with their families. If you have still not sent in pictures from home, please could you send these in with your child next week. Thank you

Next Week in Reception

Our book focus for next week will be "Once there were Giants". The children will be thinking about how they have grown since they were babies. We will also be continuing to think about our families and how we are all different. In maths we will be focusing on numbers 0-10 and will be taking the children on a number hunt around school.

In our RE lessons next week the children will be beginning to learn about how important Jesus is in our school. The Christian faith is taught throughout all areas of the curriculum and is taught through lots of stories and role play during Reception. We will be starting with the creation story and the children will learn about Adam and Eve.



Homework

As part of our topic for this term I would like you to make a family tree with your child. I have included some photographs to give you some ideas. You have until the end of term to finish your family trees and they will be used in class for a new display. It is really lovely for your children to spend time with you talking about family that they may not have met. I look forward to seeing them when they come in.

Your child will also have a number line and sounds in their book bag. Please could you practise these at home.

Reading Books

Your child has been sent home with their first reading books this week and it has been lovely to read some of your comments about how they are responding to the texts. If you have read with your child please could you ensure that you date, sign and leave a little message about how well your child has done with the text.

Also, please could you make sure that water bottles are not put in your child's book bag. A few books have been damaged as water bottles are leaking, thank you.

Baseline Assessments

This week I have carried out assessments on your children to see where they are with their learning. The assessments look at each area of the Early Learning Goals including Reading, Writing, PSHE, Speaking and Listening and Creativity. Your child will be tracked and assessed throughout the year and I will work closely with parents to ensure your child is achieving their full potential. Each child in school is different and unique and we will work with your child's interest to ensure that they are receiving a curriculum that is right for them.

Phonics Workshop and Welcome Meeting

Thursday 21st September 2017

I will be holding a welcome meeting and phonics workshops next week. The workshop will focus on how phonics is taught in school, in particular the pronunciation of sounds. It will also be a good opportunity for you to see your child's learning journal. Please could I ask that children do not attend the meeting. If you are struggling with childcare and therefore unable to attend I will provide hand outs and websites so you can access this information at home.

What to expect when

This is a really useful document for parents to look at to see where your child should be developmentally for their age. It explains the early learning goals and will give you some good tips on what you should be doing at home with your child.

https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/03/4Children_ParentsGuide_2015_WEB.pdf

Certificates

Well done to the following children who have been awarded certificates this week. I am very proud of all of you.

Curriculum Award

Chloe Gaskell for trying really hard to recognise her numbers.

Christian Value of Hope Award

Reilly Jones-Parry for always being happy, polite and always trying his best.

Writer of the Week

Alexie-Grace Haughton Who has written her name beautifully for the first time and has also been writing "s", and "a" whilst in Continuous Provision.



Over the Rainbow

These children have been on the "Over the Rainbow" cloud at least three times this week. Well done and keep on shining!

Emily Cookson
Edward Eastwood
Alexie Haughton
Reilly Jones-Parry
Sofia Mukombiwa
Ruby Milner
William Rossall
Freddie Keating