

Phonics

We have continued our phonics work this week with the phonemes (sounds) **t** and **p**. You may have noticed the actions and sounds they are sharing at home. The children are responding very well to the phonics teaching. In our phonics sessions we look at the "sound" and the words related to the sound. We are beginning to introduce how to blend the letter sounds together to form words, eg **t - a - p - tap**, **p - a - t - pat**. -This is the start of reading skills and as our sessions continue we will introduce more opportunities to support reading and writing.

Maths

In our maths lessons we have used the Numicon for matching and counting 1 - 10. The children have worked in small groups this week counting objects and matching it to the corresponding Numicon piece. All the children were engaged and active learners.

PE

Our first PE lesson on Monday morning was great fun. Thank you for encouraging your child to dress and undress themselves at home, Mrs Heywood was very impressed.

Transition from Pre-School

For some children the transition from Pre-school to Reception can seem very daunting and there may be some tears. This is perfectly normal. The classes are larger, we are new to them and the environment and rules can seem very different. Look at what they have achieved in just 2 weeks! As a team we are all very skilled in dealing with emotional children (and parents) and will always strive for our families to become settled and happy. ☺

Thank you to everyone who brought in their learning journals. Once our baseline assessment is completed they will be returned to you.

Next Week

We will be in school for our first full week. The school day ends at 3.15pm and the front and back gates will be open. We are expecting the children will be very tired especially when you pick them up in the afternoons. However they do adapt very quickly.

Our phonics work will include the new letter sounds **i**, **n** and **c**. We will look at the sounds they make, the action associated with this and we will listen for words that have this letter sound at the beginning, middle or end. We will practice writing them and we will begin to segment and blend the new sounds to form words. Sat pat, at, as, tap. This can be a lengthy process for children to grasp and we will ensure the children have lots of opportunities to practice this during each phonics session.

In our Maths work we will be focussing on 2D shapes and their properties. We will use the language associated with the shapes such as flat, corners, sides.

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Next week it will be Week 3 on the Lunch menu. It has been wonderful to see how confident the children are in the dinner hall and they are beginning to form relationships with the Midday and Kitchen staff. Keep sharing the menu with your children beforehand it helps them to know what to expect. If you feel they will not eat the meal available you are able to send a packed lunch in with your child in the morning. Please ensure that your child's lunchbox is clearly labelled and they will need a drink included in their lunch bag in addition to their water bottle for the classroom.

Reminders

We already have 3 sweatshirts that have gone missing. When the children take off their sweatshirts or cardigans we encourage the children to put them into their tray however as they are 4 or 5 years of age and they are thinking of so many other things they can forget! Could you please check at home for Phoebe's and Isabella's cardigans as they have been missing all week and they were named. If you have it at home you can always pass it to any member of the team and we will pass it on.

In the water bottles we ask for water only. This drink is accessible throughout the day and we will re-fill when empty.

We encourage healthy snacks such as fruit, raisins and vegetables. We are a nut and kiwi free school so please be thoughtful when purchasing snacks items.

Please ensure that no toys are brought in from home. We find that they often get lost, accidentally broken, or go missing! Children do get very upset when this happens.

Any sun cream is to be applied before coming into school; we will always ensure the children are not outside in very warm weather.

Each child will need a blue school reading bag for any letters and pictures and eventually their own reading books, and a drawstring PE bag, both named. The children do not need to bring in extra bags each day as the space is very limited.

Please remember that as a team we work in partnership with our parents at all times. If you have any queries, worries or concerns please talk to your class teacher we have an open door policy and we are always looking for ways to develop our practice.

Homework

We would like you to encourage your children to dress and undress themselves as often as possible. This will give them confidence in school. We would like your child to bring a baby picture of themselves to share in our show and tell session on Friday 23rd September. Have a lovely weekend.

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