

Newsletter 9 June 2017

Welcome back to school. This term is known as Summer 2. The week began with the start of our transition phase and the children were fantastic coming in without an adult and organising themselves ready for the day ahead. Thank you for all the support with this process.

Celebration Assembly

Thank you to all our families that could attend our Celebration Assembly today. It had a very nautical theme and the children were excited to share all their work and facts that they had learnt about Pirates. It is a wonderful occasion to share all the things our children experience in their days at school.

Mystery Reader

Being a mystery reader is proving to be extremely popular. The children are really enjoying listening to their friends read to them and it is wonderful to see how confident they have become and how good they are at reading. If your child wishes to be a mystery reader, then practice a short favourite story at home with them and if you wish to be there when they read please speak to Mrs Dodd to confirm the date.

Our Learning this Week

Mrs Heywood/Mrs Richardson's group will continue to look at CVCC (consonant, vowel, consonant, consonant) words, letter formation and handwriting and sentence work. They will look at polysyllabic words and apply them in their phonics work. Mrs Dodd's group will continue to work on CVCC words within Phase 4.

In our maths sessions, we ordered items in size order and estimated how many cubes we would need to measure them accurately. The children were so confident when estimating.

Transition

Will be organising our morning timetable to support the children with their transition into Year 1. After registration, the children will work in a teacher-led maths group focussing on number or shape work. This will be followed by maths-based activities within the areas of the environment. They will be expected to complete their task each morning independently whilst one group works with the teacher or teaching assistant in a small group activity. Once the maths session is completed the children will be able to access busy time as usual. This will encourage and support the children to work with growing independence and maturity.

Junk Modelling Materials

Thank you for the boxes and tubes that have been coming into school this week; the children have been very creative and made some adventurous models. Please continue to bring them into school as we will always need the materials replacing.

Lego Cards and Fidget Spinners

Some children have been bringing the new Lego cards and fidget spinners into school. This has caused some of our children to become upset when they lose or "swap" cards and do not fully understand when they cannot find them or get them back from other children or the spinners are

lost or broken. They are exciting and a great opportunity to be part of playtimes with older children but we would be grateful if you would talk to your children about whether they want to take them with them to school at all.

External Moderation

On Tuesday, we had a moderation team from the Local Authority Early Years Team spend some time with us. This is normal practice and samples of work were viewed to ensure that we are following education guidelines. It was lovely to share our children's work and to talk about their progress. They were delighted with our work and were full of praise for the children.

Twitter

Early Years are regularly tweeting "snapshots" of our day and exciting times and achievements. Please look as we are always super proud of our children and this is an excellent way for you to share this with us.

Next Week

PE kits will need to be in school. Please ensure that there is a change of underwear in the bags and that pumps still fit.

Mrs Heywood/Mrs Richardson's group will continue to look at CVCC (consonant, vowel, consonant, consonant) words, letter formation and handwriting and sentence work. The children will look at alternative phonemes **ay** and **ou**. The children are already familiar with **ai** and **oo** but will focus on words that have this alternative sound and apply them in their phonics work. Mrs Dodd's group will continue to work on CVCC words within Phase 4; we will incorporate these words in our writing. We will look at the high frequency words **do**, **what** and **out**. Both classes are working super hard each week and this is reflected in their reading and writing.

In our maths sessions we will focus on number; correct formation, number recognition and ordering numbers accurately.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 9 June	Celebration Assembly 2.45pm
Monday 26 June - Friday 30 June	SRE week
Wednesday 12 June	KS1 Sports Day 9.30am - 11.30am (weather permitting)
Monday 17 July	9.30am Celebration Assembly followed by Teddy Bears Picnic at 10.30am (weather permitting)

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs J Dodd

Mrs K Heywood

Mrs Z Richardson