

Newsletter 16 June 2017

Transition

This week started with our new organisation of our daily routine. We have now introduced a small group activity for the children to complete before they go into their own busy time. The children have responded very well and thoroughly enjoyed the extra challenge.

Teachers for Year 1

You will have seen from the main school newsletter that the staffing matrix has now been finalised. Mrs Heywood/Mrs Richardson's class will move to Miss Cookson and Mrs Dodd's class will have Miss Marzolo who is new to school. The children will have many opportunities to meet their new teacher before September, which will support their transition into school and make them feel confident.

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 have continued to look at CVCC (consonant, vowel, consonant, consonant) words, letter formation and handwriting and sentence work. Mrs Heywood/Mrs Richardson's phonics group have begun to work through Phase 5 letters and sounds with the alternative sounds **ay** and **ou** and apply them in their written work. Mrs Dodd's group have worked with CVCC words within Phase 4. In our maths sessions we have focussed on ordering numbers and finding the missing number. The children have enjoyed the interactive games and the practical activities.

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.

Talk for Writing

Our learning has centred on "Caterpillars and Butterflies". This week, we have looked at their life cycle and moved onto the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar which is one of our favourite stories and one that the children love.

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

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 are now working within Phase 5 of Letters and Sounds; the children will look at alternative phonemes **ie** and **ea**. The children are already familiar with **igh** and **ee** sounds but will focus on words that have this alternative sound and apply them in their phonics work and sentences. Mrs Dodd's group will continue to work on CVCC words within Phase 4; we will incorporate these words in our writing. 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 creating pictograms in whole class sessions and creating them in our smaller maths groups too.

In our afternoon sessions, we will talk about what we like best in our environment and what we would like to see in Year 1 and this will enable us to plan the new classrooms ready for their arrival.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 26 June - Friday 30 June SRE week

Friday 30 June Transition Stay and Play in Year 1 8.45 - 10.00 am

Wednesday 12 July 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)

Friday 14 July Reports out to Parents

Monday 17 July Celebration Assembly followed by Stay and Play Teddy Bears Picnic (weather permitting).

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs J Dodd

Mrs K Heywood

Mrs Z Richardson