

Newsletter 30 June 2017

Transition Day

The children have met Miss Cookson and Mrs Marzolo and spent the day with them in their new classrooms. They had a wonderful time and were keen to share their experiences when they returned to Early Years. The feedback from the Year 1 teachers was very positive and they are looking forward to September.

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.

Golden Table

We had such a super lunchtime today on the golden table, we put some pictures on Twitter and all the children and teachers had a great time.

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 oy and ir and will apply them in their written work. Mrs Dodd's group have worked with CVCC words within Phase 4.

In our maths sessions, we have been looking at different ways to make number sentences using the Numicon to support our learning and some children have been using number lines and counting on from a given number. Very practical sessions and lots of fun!

We spent some time talking about the things we enjoy about Early Years and what things we might like in Year 1 to help us feel secure.

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". Our tiny caterpillars arrived this week and we have watched how they move, eat and grow. They have changed into chrysalides and we are now waiting for them to emerge and we can then release them into our butterfly garden.

Transition Stay and Play

Thank you to all our families who were able to visit and meet Miss Cookson in Year 1. It was a brilliant opportunity to see the classroom environment which looks very different to Early Years. The environment will look different again in September to support their transition into Year 1 and will reflect the environment they are familiar with.

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 **oy** and **ir**. The children are already familiar with **oi** and **ear** 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; in particular, we will work on blends at the start of words and 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 work on capacity and the language associated with this. Our whole class teaching and small group work will be very practical.

Homework

To continue with the theme of transition into Year 1, we would like for the children to draw a picture of themselves and write a short sentence underneath it. The children are able to write independently and can segment and blend unfamiliar words. Please do not write this for them as it will be lovely for their new teachers to see how wonderful their own work is. There is a blank piece of paper in reading bags for this task.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 12 July Sports Day - KS1/EY at 9.30 - 11.30am, weather permitting

Friday 14 July Reports to Parents

Monday 17 July Celebration Assembly 9.30am followed by Stay and Play Teddy Bears Picnic (weather permitting)

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs J Dodd

Mrs K Heywood

Mrs Z Richardson