

Early Years Newsletter 6th October 2017

We have taken advantage of the Autumn weather this week and spent lots of time outside and focussed our learning on a larger scale. The children are really settled and coming into school happy and able to organise themselves. Thank you for all the support and time you have spent working with your children we are delighted with their progress.

Congratulations and Welcome

Our school family has a new member, Isaac has a new baby sister and he was delighted to share his news with his friends.

Our Learning This Week

Phonics this week has included the sounds m, k, ck. We have been working with the children on using the existing sounds we know and blending them together. This can be quite tricky initially; we will continue to work with the children each day within the phonics session to develop this skill and their confidence. In our Maths lessons, we have been looking at different 2D and new 3D shapes and looking at the different properties and using the mathematical language associated with 3D shapes.

Throughout the week, we have been writing our first name, and our focus has been on a capital letter to start their name and correct letter formation.

Meet the Teacher Meeting

Thank you to all our families who attended the meeting last week. It was a wonderful opportunity to share our phonics work and our Numicon with everyone.

MacMillan Cancer Awareness Day

Thank you to everyone who supported this event on Friday. Thank you to all our families who donated, baked and bought cakes and then supported the coffee afternoon and big cake sale afterschool. We raised a fantastic £700.

Next Week

Tempest the school photographers will be in school on Friday 13th October for individual photographs. Children in Early Years who have siblings in school will be collected from their class by their siblings and photographed together. All the team will be there to support the children.

Our Learning Next Week

Our phonemes this week will be e, u and r. We will focus on the actions associated with these letter sounds (we follow Jolly Phonics) and have a variety of games and activities to support this. We will introduce a new “tricky word” - l to the children this week. A “tricky word” is a word that you cannot phonetically segment and blend, you just have to know it by sight. These words will be re-enforced daily in their phonics sessions. In maths we will look at counting initially to 10 and then to 20. We will practice counting forwards and backwards, one more from a given number and

counting accurately. We will use the Numicon to support the children. In our afternoon sessions, we will be talking about our family and special people in our lives. We are always sensitive to aspects of family life and appreciate that not all families are the same and this is important for our children to understand.

Phonics Workshops

We would like to invite you to attend one of our phonics workshops next week. They will be Tuesday 10th, 11th and 13th October. Please sign up for the session you would like to attend on the sign-up sheet in the porch area. The session will be about 20 minutes and it is a great opportunity to see how the phonics session runs and how the children have progressed so far. If you are unable to attend, we will be offering sessions later in the year.

Homework

Thank you for the lovely homework pictures. We always share the homework on Friday afternoons in our "Show and Tell sessions". It is a special time for the children to be able to have the confidence to talk in front of a group of children. If you are unable to send anything in or complete the homework task, then please talk to your child's teacher. The children do get very disappointed when they have no homework to share with their peers.

In preparation for our work on families this week, we would like you to support your children draw a picture of their families or people who are special to them. Please let the children draw the pictures themselves and let us know names etc. on the reverse of the work to prompt the children in show and tell.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs J Dodd, Mrs S Morton and Mrs Z Richardson

Dates for your Diary

12/10/17 - Open Mornings for prospective 2018 parents 9.30 am

10th /11th and 13th October - Phonics Workshops

16/10/17 - Stay and Play 8.45

25/10/17 and 26/10/17 -Teacher Consultations

27/10/17 – School closes for half term returning to school 6/11/17

17/11/17 - EY Celebration Assembly 2.45pm

8/12/17 - Christmas Fair 6 pm

12/12 /17 - Stay and Play 8.45am – 9.45am

20/12/17 - KS1 and EY Christmas Party (pm)

21/12/17 - End of term returning to school 8/1/18