

Early Years Newsletter 8th June 2018

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. Welcome to Mrs Birtwistle to the Early Years Team, who is working Mondays and Tuesdays covering Mrs Morton's maternity leave, with Mrs Richardson working Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

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.

Sports Day

The children enjoyed their very first school Sports Day with the children in Key Stage 1. The weather was perfect and the activities were lots of fun. Thank you to all our families that were able to attend and support the children. EYJD were thrilled to be awarded the Sports Day trophy for the highest number of points.

Our Learning this Week

Mrs Birtwistle/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 then be followed with 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.

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 Birtwistle/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**, and 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 29th June - Celebration Assembly 2.45pm main hall.

Saturday 30th June - School Summer Fair 12.00pm - 2.00pm

Friday 6th July - Forest Schools (details to follow)

Thursday 19th July - Stay and Play 6 - Teddy Bears Picnic

Friday 20th July - Finish for the Summer holidays

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs J Dodd

Mrs Birtwistle

Mrs Z Richardson