

## Early Years Newsletter 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018

### 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 Birtwistle/Mrs Richardson's class will move to Mrs Marzolo and Mrs Dodd's class will have Miss Cookson. The children will have many opportunities to meet their new teachers 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 Birtwistle/Mrs Richardson's group have continued to look at CVCC (consonant, vowel, consonant, consonant) words, letter formation and handwriting and sentence work. Mrs Birtwistle/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.

### The World Cup 2018

Some of the children have been asking questions about the World Cup and are very excited about it. We will be completing a wall chart after each match and we will use our afternoon sessions to talk about some of the different countries participating. Your child may have World Cup sticker books and whilst we know, it is very exciting to bring them into school it inevitably, causes upset, as they get lost or wish they had not swapped their favourite player after all, so please can they leave these at home.

**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.

**Homework**

As the World Cup starts on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June, we would like you to look at the countries taking part, locate it on the map/globe. Perhaps you could find out an interesting fact about one of the countries. This can be done and shared on Tapestry or produce a hard copy to share in the show and tell session on Friday.

**Next 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 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 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.

**New Arrival**

We welcome the news of Mrs Morton's baby; she had a boy on Thursday morning, mother and baby doing well. Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Morton!



Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs J Dodd

Mrs N Birtwistle

Mrs Z Richardson