

Early Years Newsletter 29th June 2018

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 Reception. The feedback from the Year 1 teachers was very positive and they are looking forward to September. The children were able to share their questions about Year 1 with their new teachers this week too.

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, sounds with the alternative sounds oy and ir, and how to 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. These have been 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.

Homework

Thank you to everyone who sent in homework this week. The children have loved sharing their information on World Cup countries and the display in the classroom is fabulous. It is wonderful for the children to have the opportunity to share their work with their class and to feel proud of their achievements.

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.

Items from Home

We have had many children bringing things into school from home, bracelets, pens, teddies, squishy toys. Please ensure that your child leaves these at home, as they can become lost, broken or just misplaced and this can cause the children to become upset. Thank you for your support with this.

Caterpillars and Butterflies

Our learning has centred on "Caterpillars and Butterflies". Our tiny caterpillars arrived this week and we have watched how they move, eat and grow. The children are fascinated and watching eagerly for changes every day.

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 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 **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.

Forest Schools Friday 6th July

We have the fantastic opportunity to be involved in "Forest Schools" We will be working with a qualified instructor, Mr Hadfield, who will show the children how learning can be extended outdoors using natural materials and how to respect the environment. The children will to come into school in their school uniform as normal and bring a change of clothes and wellies/suitable footwear for working outside. Children may also need a lightweight coat in case of rain.

Homework

To continue with the theme of transition into Year 1, we would like 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

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

Thursday 5th July - Whole School Transition Day

Friday 6th July - Forest Schools

Friday 13th July - Year 1 Transition Stay and Play

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 N Birtwistle

Mrs Z Richardson