

## Early Years Newsletter 28th September 2018

We held our meet the teacher meeting on Wednesday this week and thank you to everyone who could attend. We shared information about phonics, maths and our electronic learning journal – Tapestry. You will be sent a password via email to activate the journal week commencing 15th October 2018. Once you have received this it must be used within 24 hours or it will be void. Once you have received the password you will be able to view your child at work and add observations which will feed into their learning journey and enhance their learning. If you have any problems, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the team.

### Our Learning this Week

In phonics this week we have learnt the sounds d, g and o. We have been working with the children on using the existing sounds we know and blending them together to make simple CVC words (consonant, vowel, and consonant) such as cat, tap, got. This can be quite tricky initially and 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 using the Numicon resource looking at different ways to make a variety of numbers – 6, 8 and 10. The children have developed a lot of confidence in the short time we have been in school and it is delightful to see.

We have been focussing on the story “The Gingerbread Man” and the week started with a strange discovery in the classroom ... flour everywhere and a strange collection of ingredients that had been left for us to use. We made our own gingerbread men and ate them for snack or took them home. The children have been very excited and have engaged in a number of activities in their busy time connected to the text.

We have spent some time with the children looking at the school environment to familiarise them with their new setting. We have met different members of the school team and talked about their role. We have shared with them our expectations of behaviour and care of the school equipment.

Thank you so much for the lovely homework on 2D shapes when you have been out as families. The children love to share their work with their peers. The homework is always on the newsletter on Friday and will be shared on the following Friday.

### Mystery Reader

If you would like to be a “Mystery Reader” for our children, we would love to talk to you. As a Parent/Grandparent you arrive at school with a favourite story to share with the children. As a “Mystery Reader” we ask that it is a secret and it is a wonderful surprise for the children at the end of the day when you appear. Please speak to a member of the team to arrange a time that is convenient.

### Next Week

#### Our learning next week

Our phonemes next week will be **m, k and ck**. 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. In maths we will look at 2D shapes, extending their knowledge of a wider variety of shapes. We will look at their properties, sort them and look for them in our environment. We will spend some time this week writing the sounds we have learnt so far to ensure correct formation.

### Northwich Guardian

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October the Northwich Guardian will be coming into school to take a class photograph of both Early Years classes for their supplement “The class of 2018”. Once all local schools have been photographed they will inform school as to the date of publication.

Have a great weekend.



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