



Friday 19th September

We have had another fantastic week at school. In both classes, we are really starting to see the children settling in to their routines and using the resources in the classroom much more purposefully. A big thank you to everyone who has made a 'Marvellous Me Box' - the children have spoken really confidently about their experiences and it's been a real treat getting to know our new children a bit better. There is still plenty of time to create and send in either a physical box or a digital box via the class emails. We will continue to explore a few each day in class across next week.

Phonics

Next week we will begin our formal phonics lessons. We have spent this week playing games that help children identify rhyming words as well as exploring the initial sounds simple words make. From next week, we will include the sounds we cover in our lessons with these newsletters so you can practice them at home.



Reading

The children have been very enthusiastic about their "star" books; we hope that you are enjoying sharing these stories at home. A reminder that you can keep the star books for as long as you want to read them but to please return your star book if you would like a new one to read. **Try to encourage your children to swap their book over as they come in to class in the morning** so the idea is fresh in their head. As children can choose when to swap, we don't check in with everyone everyday to change books.

Mathematics - 'Just like me'

In Maths we have been using language to compare objects. We have used the book Simon Sock to initiate discussions. The children have loved exploring patterns and colours as they match up socks into pairs and find 'odd' socks with no partner.

Next week we will begin our number lessons exploring how to recognize and count amounts up to 3.



As the children continue to settle more into classroom routines, we will begin to add in the additional enrichments into our weekly timetables. Next week we will be introducing phonics and number lessons into our days. **Starting from Monday next week**, we will be changing what the children will be doing when they first enter the classrooms at drop off in the morning. So far, the children have gone straight into a short choosing session before tidying up and then beginning our day with registers and snack. From Monday, we will want the children to put away their items as normal and then come to the carpet to do some fine motor activities with a whiteboard and pen. We will be discussing this change with the children today but **it would really help the children if you could remind them of the change as you are getting ready for school on Monday**—thank you for your support.

Please ensure all clothes are clearly labelled - especially jumpers and cardigans as these frequently get removed during the day and can be easily mixed up without names.

If you need to speak to your child's teacher after school then it would be very helpful if you can stand back until the teacher has safely dismissed each child. Then we will be free to discuss anything you need. Thank you