

Cygnets & Goslings Newsletter



This Week in Reception...

Friday 2nd October

It's been a week of firsts for our children as we have navigated our first phonics and maths lessons. The children have really developed their good listening skills and are joining in with these important parts of our day. We have also changed our morning routine to move away from activities straight away to mark-making activities on the carpet. The children have coped with these changes really well demonstrating how settled and confident they are in their new classrooms.

Coming up next week...

Emotional regulation and recognition is a really important part of our EYFS curriculum and we will be using the story 'The colour monster' to help us identify and explore different emotions in class next week.

We will be continuing with daily phonics from now on. The children will learn 4 new sounds a week. Take a look at the next page to see which sounds we have learned this week: a little practise at home really makes a big difference with retention!

Forest School & PE days

Goslings will have completed their first Forest school session today with Cygnets starting their first session on Monday. A reminder that:

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Next Friday (9th October) is individual school photos. Despite this being a PE day for Cygnets and a Forest School day for Goslings, please send all children into school in school uniform for their photos.

Cygnets will do a lighter PE session in school uniform after photos and Goslings will continue to do Forest School so please ensure Goslings have waterproofs in a named bag to go over the top of school uniform.

Parent's Phonics Meeting

A reminder that Mr Wilbrooke and Miss Pritchard will be holding a short, informal meeting about how phonics is delivered at school and how it can be supported from home on Monday 5th October at 2:45. If you are able to attend, please wait by green main school gates on the other side of the building to our pickup area for 2:40. We will aim for a prompt start so everyone is ready for normal pickup at the end of the school day.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, all useful information and links to home support will be on next week's newsletter and there will be an opportunity later in the term to come in and observe a phonics lesson in your child's class with a chance to explore some easy-to-make phonics games at home. More information about this session will follow soon.

Good to know...

Children can change star books whenever they wish, return the old book first before taking a new one home to read together.

For Forest School days, waterproofs come to school on the day in a named bag and go home again to wash - wellies stay full-time at school.

A reminder that our Harvest festival is on Wednesday 7th October. Please send in any food donations on Wednesday - thank you!

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Grapheme and mnemonic	Picture card	Pronunciation phrase	Formation phrase
 	 snake	Show your teeth and let the s hiss out ssssss ssssss	Pull, push and pull along the ground
 	 astronaut	Open your mouth wide and make the a sound at the back of your mouth a a a	Pull round, push along the ground, up, down, bump and flick
 	 tiger	Open your lips; put the tip of your tongue behind your teeth and press t t t	Down, bump and flick pencil off the page push a line
 	 penguin	Bring your lips together, push them open and say p p p	Down, bump, back up, push over, pull around