Cygnets & Goslings Newsletter

This Week in Reception...

Friday 23rd October

We've made it to the end of our first half-term by exploring all things pumpkins and autumn. The children have worked so hard in what is the toughest and longest half-term of the year. We hope you all have a restful break and the children get a chance to recharge their batteries ready for all of the exciting things we will be exploring together after the holiday.

Keep up the practise over the half-term!

The children ahve made fantastic progress in their early reading and maths. If you're able to keep up some daily practise over the holiday, here are the main things to focus on:

- blending packs - these really do make such a positive impact on early reading - short sessions every day if possible.
- try to include blending into your everyday lives by spelling out words instead of just saying them e.g. 'Time to get ready for b-e-d!
- Give your child lots of opportunities to spot numbers up to 5 in everyday contexts: a good script to use is "I can see the number 4 when I look at that car, it has 1,2,3,4...4 tyres. What numbers can you see?

Coming up next week...

In our first week back, we will be exploring the festival of Diwali in our classes.

Our new topic for after the holiday is 'Heroes who help us' where we learn all about the amazing people who make up our emergency services. We are aware that some parents across the year group may work within one of these important services and we are always looking for opportunities to bring learning to life for our children.

If you, or a family member, would like to come into school and talk to the classes about a role you play in one of the emergency services we would be ever so grateful for you sharing your time with the children.

In the past, we have had visitors talk to each class seperately for around 10/15 minutes and talk about their work and show uniforms/equipment. If this is something you think you would like to do, then please email your child's teacher and we can liaise with you about a time and date that would best suit you. Thanks in advance!

PE and Forest School days.

For both classes, PE and Forest School days will remain the same for the time being, we will give you advanced notice if they change.

As we creep every closer to winter, please consider sending gloves and hats in with waterproofs in Forest School bags. We do not wear scarves at Forest School as they can pose a choking risk with branches, thank you!

A little heads up...

Please don't be alarmed if, after the holiday, your child initially struggles with morning drop-offs. This is something we see every year after the first holiday away from school and is very normal. Any tears will quickly be forgotten once the children are back in class with their friends.

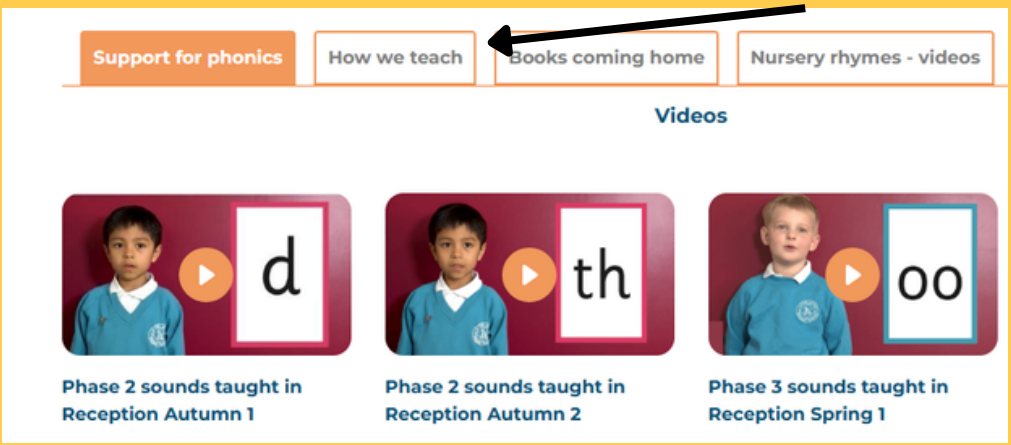
e		Open your mouth wide and say: e e e	Push, pull around and push along the ground.
u		Open your mouth wide and say: u u u	Down, push along the ground, up, down bump, flick.
r		Show your teeth to make a rrrrr sound: rrrrr rrrrr	Down bump, back up, push over.

Phonics Meeting Links

https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/

Follow this link to see lots of really useful information for supporting your child's early reading at home:

We recommend watching the videos shown below via the link as well as the video 'how we teach blending' which can be found in the 'How we teach' section



As mentioned at the meeting, we will be letting you know soon when we will hold a phonics stay and play session before Christmas, giving you the chance to see a phonics lesson delivered in your child's classroom and some time to explore some simple phonics activities you may wish to recreate at home to support early reading.