



Reception newsletter



Friday September 18th

This week we have really been getting to know the children. They have been adjusting very well to their new routines and have coped so well with their first full week in school. I suspect there may be some very tired children tonight!

On Wednesday we had a fire drill and all the children were so calm. We felt incredibly proud of them.

Next week we continue our Marvellous Me theme, and will begin to share Marvellous Me boxes (please see below for details).

Reading

Please can we remind you that book bags can only be sent into school on Mondays and Fridays. We will begin to send home school reading books shortly once we begin to introduce letter sounds. Please enjoy sharing your books at home with your children.

Phonics

In Phonics we follow the Letters and Sounds scheme. We are currently delivering Phase 1 to the children. This phase concentrates on developing children's speaking and listening skills and lays the foundations for the phonic work which starts in Phase 2. The emphasis during Phase 1 is to get children to really hear sounds around them and to teach them to hear sounds so that they are ready when we begin to teach them specific letter shapes and sounds in Phase 2. Next week we will focus on rhyme.

Number Fun

Our maths' work this half term term will focus on number awareness and careful 1:1 correspondence with numbers to 5. This is the careful counting of objects. Next week we will be counting to 3. We will be starting to subitise with quantities to 3 in different arrangements. Subitising is the skill of being able to instantly recognize the objects in a group without having to count them.

Marvellous Me!

Normally we ask the children to bring in a Marvellous Me box at this point. This is a box (usually decorated) that contains special things relative to the child. In the past boxes have contained items such as first shoes, scan pictures, favourite toys, photos of family holidays and family celebrations, the list is endless. This year we are asking you to do a pictorial Marvellous Me box and to post it on your child's Tapestry account. That way your child will be able to share all their special things with their class on the white board. We would suggest up to around 8 photos. Please involve your child with the process so that they know what each picture is and can talk about it confidently.

Activities to have a go with at home:

We are already seeing the children becoming more independent in their self care. The more you can encourage their independence at home the better they will be equipped at school. See our website and follow this link for home activities:
<https://www.meadowsfirst.co.uk/documents/1600256904.pdf>

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