



Friday 20th November

The children have responded so well to our 'The Colour Monster' theme this week. They have talked openly about a range of emotions and have linked them to colours. They have been building up their vocabulary and using new words such as "fear" and "calm". We have also taken part in the whole school Friendship Week activities and talked about how we are kind to each other.

Reading

For Rising Stars please read the books '**Miss Red**' and '**The Mess**' from bank Pink B. Also, please use your phonics flash cards and tricky word cards to practise and reinforce the sounds and words taught so far. Please send books in on Friday so that new ones can be sent home on Monday. *We need to allow 72 hours between books coming in and going out so that we can handle them according to Coronavirus guidance.* From next Monday we will be sending home 2 books per week. Another good website to use is

OXFORD OWLS



Phonics

Letters
and Sounds

We are really pleased with how the children are progressing with phonics. Next week we will be focusing on **tricky words**. The tricky words we have taught so far are **I, no, to go** and **the**. The children are expected to have a go at reading and writing these independently. You can help by playing snap, bingo, etc with these words! Please look at our website for more phonics support and a powerpoint of the reading meeting we usually do to parents this term:

<https://www.meadowsfirst.co.uk/year-by-year/goslings-and-cygnets>

Please have a go at playing the games on the **Phonics Hero** website. We use this in our phonics teaching so it really is a way for you to reinforce our teaching at home with your child.

Mathematics & Art Next week we are continuing our 1,2,3,4 work by looking at shapes with 4 sides. We are looking forward to this and will be linking to our creative activities by looking at the art work of Mondrian. If you want to find out more about Mondrian please take a look at our class pages where we have put knowledge organisers and further information:
https://www.meadowsfirst.co.uk/images/image_gallery/large/1605880727.pdf

Cygnets will have **Forest School** on Monday and PE on Friday.
Goslings will have PE on Monday and **Forest School** on Wednesday.



Instead of putting letters into book bags please can you hand them directly to the adults on the door in the morning, or leave them in a box outside the classroom with your child's name clearly on – as we are not going through the book bags to find letters. This would be very helpful!

The lockdown books we sent home a few weeks ago and the sheets we sent home last week are to be kept at home and used if we have to close as a bubble and have to move to remote learning. Please remove them from book bags and keep them in a safe place.

The letters and tricky words on yellow card are to be cut out and used by you and your child at home from now onwards to help reinforce the learning we have done in school.

A polite reminder: Face masks must be worn when bringing and collecting your child. Also, please follow our one way system and do not go back through the gate to collect older siblings.