



Reception Newsletter

Friday 17th September



The children really have settled so well into their new routines. They have coped extremely well with their first week of full school days and, although many of them are very tired, they have been cheerful and full of beans!

So many children have really enjoyed sharing their family pictures with their friends and it has been a very helpful way for us to link your faces to your children. Thank you for sending your photos on Tapestry.

Phonics & Reading

In our Phonics sessions we are spending our time playing games that teach children the very important skills they need in order to become successful readers and writers. Before children are introduced to letters they need to be able to blend and segment sounds orally. Attached are some ideas you may wish to try at home to support your child.

Please share stories at home with your child. We are sending home reading diaries for you to record the stories that you share. For every 3 different dates on which children share books at home (not every 3 books) they will receive a sticker on their chart in school. Please send reading diaries to school on **Fridays** and encourage your child to put them in the basket in their classroom so an adult in school can check through.

Mathematics



In Mathematics next week we will be starting our **Just Like Me** theme and will be using items such as buttons as we look at similarities and begin sorting. (if you have any buttons that we can have in school—please send them in to us!)

Marvellous Me!

Our theme for the next few weeks will be "**Marvellous Me!**" A chance to celebrate the children and the hundreds of ways that they are unique and wonderful. In previous years we have asked 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 you post 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.

Tapestry

If you have not received your Tapestry activation email please contact your child's class teacher. Activation emails were emailed by teachers (not the office staff) in August. We have been made aware that these sometimes go to junk folders. **There is now a Tapestry app available to download onto your phone to make it even easier!**

