

Class Newsletter

September 2020

We are so happy to hear and see all the children back at school, we really missed them. There has been a real buzz of excitement in the air, We would also like to welcome our new reception children who have settled quickly, they are making new friends and exploring their new surroundings independently.

Reading at Home

Although the children are not bringing home books from school at the moment, it would still be good if you could aim to read with your child at least 3 times a week. Please share books from home and use this time to talk about the story; retell the story; predict what might happen next; discuss how the characters are feeling and why they are behaving in certain ways. You could read a page each or pick out words or sentences that your child can read.

Please rest assured that your child will be reading in school *every* day. This could be during daily Guided Reading and writing sessions, Sounds-Write teaching or reading individually with an adult.



Transitions to new classes

The children who are moving to Mrs Keem's class in October have already spent 4 mornings with her. The visits have been very successful and the children have been very keen to tell me what they have been doing. Mrs Trenchard and myself really don't want to let them go but we know it is time for them to move on. If you have any questions or any worries please don't hesitate to contact me.

Safety in School

We have worked hard to ensure the school environment is safe for your child. Some of the measures in place are:

- Regular handwashing. The children are supervised as they wash their hands at least 6 times throughout the day.
- Individual storage trays for all their books and belongings.
- Each child has their own stationary.
- Regular cleaning of desks, door handles, toilets etc.
- Children are kept in their 'bubbles' during playtimes and lunchtimes.

Literacy

In literacy we are:

- We are revisiting the initial letter sounds in 4 and 5 sound words.
- We are writing sentences, remembering to use finger spaces, capital letters and full stops.
- We are writing lists.
- We are drawing story maps and learning to write a short story linked to our space story, 'The Way Back home'.



Mathematics

In mathematics sessions we are revising number work to prepare your child for their new class. We are concentrating on:

- Number recognition.
- The oneness of one, etc.
- Quick recall of number facts, such as bonds to 10.
- Counting in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s.
- Addition and subtraction.
- Writing numbers up to 20 in order.
- Finding 1 more or 1 less of a chosen number.
- Exploring the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

