

Reception

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term

The children have settled into their classroom beautifully and we are so impressed with their confidence to make new friends and adapt to the new routine. We are looking forward to this year and are off to a brilliant start. We have been busy learning all about ourselves and the children have loved exploring their new classroom. We have been drawing self-portraits, making our favourite food with playdough and building our own houses. We are really excited for the rest of our half term!

Words of the Week

Every week, we introduce the children to a new word that might be unfamiliar to them. We go over definitions, synonyms and look at pictures related to that picture. We try to use it as often as we can. Please try and use these words at home with your child.

Week 1: Appearance

Week 2: Features

Week 3: Relatives

Week 4: Predict

Week 5: Compare

Week 6: Heaviest

Week 7: Experiment

In maths ...

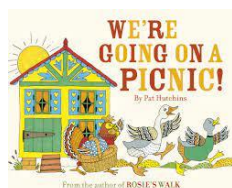
We are focusing on counting, sorting and comparing numbers to 5. We will practise the skill of 'careful counting' amounts up to 5 and will use lots of manipulatives to help us such as counters and compare bears. We will consolidate our counting to 5 looking in depth at each number before moving onto harder concepts in maths.

To support your child at home you could:

- Encourage them to count things around the house – can they pick up 5 toys?
- Sing lots of number songs such as 5 speckled frogs.
- Ensure that they are confident and secure with recognising numerals 1-5.

Our Class Book and author is:

We're Going on a Picnic by Pat Hutchins. We read a range of books every day in Reception but this will be the text that we base some of our literacy around and look at in depth. We will learn about the authors and look at other books they have written.



September 2021

Phonics and Reading

Your child has been assessed in phonics based on how many letter sounds they know. We are doing whole class phonics at the moment to get the children used to Read Write Inc, then they will be split into groups for phonics. Miss Head and Miss Williams will be carrying out a parent presentation so that you are all aware how we teach phonics. Then, if possible, you can support your child at home, also. Please ensure your child is writing at home as this will really help their fine motor skills when it comes to writing in phonics.

Reminders

- Please ensure that everything that your child brings to school is labelled, this avoids belongings going missing.
- Children need to bring their full indoor and outdoor PE kit every Monday and leave it at school until Friday.
- **Sunflowers have PE on Thursday Mornings and Daffodils have PE on Friday Mornings.**
- Please ensure that your child brings spare clothes to school in case they have an accident.

Thank you for your ongoing support, please speak to us at the gate or ring the school office if you have any questions or concerns.

The Early Years Team.