

KEY DIARY DATES

Thursday 30th September -
Individual school photos

Friday 22nd October -
School finishes for half
term.

Please don't forget that
our email is
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Please don't hesitate to
email if you have a
question or a concern
and we will get back to
you as soon as we can.

Welcome to Reception

We are so pleased with how the children have settled into school so far this half term. It has been great to see how many of you have already accessed our Welcome to Reception information video on Tapestry. If you have not yet done this then please try to watch it by the end of the week.

This half term we welcome Lauren Gower to our team, she is a teaching student who will be with us for most of the year.

Homework

Last Friday the children brought home their first homework and it has been great to see photos on Tapestry, showing how keen they were to have a go. Please do not feel under any pressure to complete the sheets each week. We mainly send them home so that you are aware of the sounds we are learning and if your child is keen and wants to complete them then that's great. We will now collect in the homework booklets each week as we know the children are keen for us to see them. They will then be put back in their book bags on Friday with their new sounds in.

Focus weeks

Just a reminder that for one week this term, your child will be focus which means we will be spending time observing them in their play to find out what they enjoy doing and to help plan their next steps. We value your opinion too so please complete the sheet that is sent home and return to school on the Monday of their focus week.

Tapestry

It is great to see so many of you on Tapestry now and using it regularly to comment on what your child has been doing and to post pictures of what you have been doing at home. Please do let us know if you have any problems logging in.



Maths

This week in maths we are focusing on counting accurately. We will be using a puppet who will make errors when they count and the children have to help them learn how to count carefully and accurately. Next week we will be looking at how numbers are made up of other numbers, mainly focusing on numbers 3 and 4.

At home your child could ...

- Count in sequence to 10 and beyond.
- Count things when you are out and about
- Help them to notice numbers and amounts around them.
- Help them to count out small sets of objects accurately.
- Explore how 3 and 4 are made of other numbers. E.g. 1 and 2 is equal to 3, 2 and 2 is equal to 4.

Phonics

Last week we started our Read Write Inc phonics sessions where we learn one sound per day. The children have been really enjoying them and I know many of them have been telling you all about them at home. This week we have also started to use some magnetic boards and letters to make words with the sounds we have learnt so far, m, a, s, d, t.

This week we are learning the sounds i, n, p, g, o and next week it will be c, k, u, b, f. Don't forget that each Friday there will be a phonics video on Tapestry to tell you about the sounds we have done, how to pronounce them and how to form them correctly.

Literacy

Our Literacy Tree, Literacy sessions will start after half term. So for the rest of this half term we will be focusing on listening games and rhyme. We will also talk about our school and classroom rules and the 5 Rs too.

At home your child could...

- Read books together as often as you can.
- Encourage them to practice the sounds they have been learning at school that week.
- Encourage them to practice writing them using the correct formation.
- Talk to your child about what they do at school.
- Help them to find words that rhyme.
- Make up silly rhyming sentences.

