

## KEY DIARY DATES

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** -  
School finishes for half term.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November** -  
Phonics learning café in the afternoon

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>**

**November** – Trip to Pretty Corner

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>**

**December** – Reception Nativity play

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December** –  
Reception Nativity play

Please don't forget that our email is

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## End of the first half term

Well we have made it to the end of the first half term. The children have done so well at adjusting to their new routine and it has been so lovely to see how they have embraced learning their sounds and they are even enjoying their homework, long may it last!!

We hope they have a lovely half term break and come back recharged and ready for another half term.

We would love to see any photos on Tapestry, of things you do during the holidays. The children really love to share them with their friends.

## Phonics Learning café

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the Phonics Learning café Parent mail that was sent out. The afternoon will involve a short power point which will give you information about how we teach phonics. Then you will be able to do some activities with your child. After that there will be a video on Tapestry of a phonics lesson being taught so you can see how it works at school. If you are unable to make it due to work commitments we will make sure that you have a copy of the power point and any relevant information. Remember that grandparents or other family members may attend if you cannot.

## Focus weeks

Focus weeks will continue after half term so if your child hasn't had their turn yet then they will sometime before Christmas. Thank you to everyone who has sent back the focus week sheets, it really helps us to get an idea of how the children are at home and also what you would like to know.

## Pretty Corner

Again, thank you to everyone who has offered their help on the trip to Pretty Corner. If you have not yet responded, please do so by the end of the week. We will give you more information about the trip after half term.



# Maths

Last week we were focusing on subitising in maths, this is where the children have to say the amount they can see without counting them. This week we are moving onto comparing small amounts to say which has more or fewer. We will also be watching Number Blocks to reinforce the learning we are doing in class.

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 and made of other numbers. E.g. 1 and 2 is equal to 3, 2 and 2 is equal to 4.
- Watch Number blocks episodes from series one that focus on the numbers 1-4.

# Phonics

We are continuing to teach a new sound each day. We have two weeks left of teaching the set 1 sounds then we will go back and continue to practice them again. This week we are learning the sounds j, v, y, w, th and after half term it will be z, ch, qu, x, ng, nk.

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. The children will continue to bring home homework sheets until we have taught all of the set one sounds. Please continue to practice the sounds regularly with your child so that they build up their confidence at recognising them.

# Literacy

Last week in our Literacy sessions, we were learning about rhyme. At home it would be great if you could help your child to recognise words that rhyme, you may have a game about rhyming words that you could play or perhaps you can make a list of rhyming words. They can be made up words too. This week we are working on the children being able to orally blend which means that when you say the sounds in a word, e.g. c-a-t, they can tell you that the word is cat. After half term we will start our Literacy tree sessions with our first story being 'Where the Wild things are'.

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.

