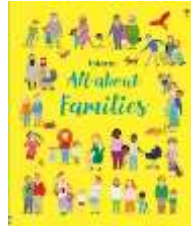


Reception Class Information



Our themes for this term are 'Families' and 'Colour'. We would like each child to bring in a family photo to share with the class (we will return any photos in the brown bags as the children are usually keen to take their bags home but the same photos can be sent in again).

General information and Reminders

- Please ensure that EVERYTHING is named, from lunchboxes to vests and shoes!
- Children have access to outdoors all day, every day. We go out whatever the weather so please provide your child with the appropriate outerwear (sun hat, raincoat, coat, hat, gloves etc).
- At snack-time a choice of fruit and milk/water are provided. Your child is able to bring in their own piece of fruit if they prefer. In addition, please provide a named bottle of **water** for your child to drink throughout the day.



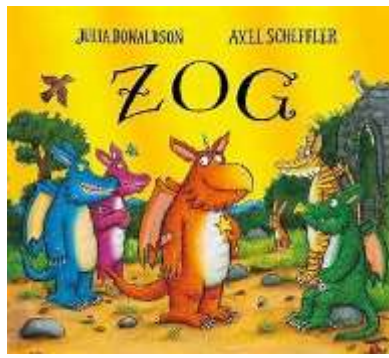
- Birthday Breaks! The children can choose an activity/game (musical statues/bumps, extra play outside, parachute etc) for the class to do. The children usually tell us when it is their birthday but please let us know just in case they don't!

Sharing Learning with you

- We use SEESAW to communicate messages, give ideas of how you can support your child and share some of your child's learning with you. You will receive a letter with a password and instructions on how to log on. Please keep the password safe.

Reading

- We use the ELS Phonics and Reading scheme. Every Friday we will send home a reading book. The reading book will contain the phonemes introduced that week as well as the 'Harder to Read and Spell' words introduced that week.
- The ELS scheme stresses the importance of regular reading and insists that every child must read their reading book **4 times each week**. Reading books will be collected on a Thursday and new books will be given out on a Friday. **Please ensure you return the reading book on a Thursday to ensure that every child can have a new book on a Friday.**
- In addition to these reading books, children will be encouraged to choose their own book from the book corner and take this home to share with a family member.
- Next week we would like each child to bring a copy of their favourite book to school (please ensure it is named). This book will be shared with an adult.



Phonics Folder

- A phonics folder will be sent home with the reading book. This will also be collected in every Thursday and returned to you on a Friday.
- The phonics folder will contain the sounds and the 'Harder to Read and Spell' (HRS) words introduced that week. Please spend a few minutes each day going over the sounds and words.
- The correct articulation of sounds is vital. This is a video of all of the sounds [Phase 2 sounds.mp4 on Vimeo](#). If you have any queries, then please don't hesitate to come in and check with us.
- We will hold a meeting later this term, which will provide you with more information about phonics and help you to support your child.

Maths

- Later in the term, we will share with you our weekly Maths focus. This will help you to support your child with this.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to book an appointment to come in and speak to us.

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