

Reception Class Information

- Our topic for this half term is 'Families'. We would appreciate it if each child brought in a photo of their family to share with an adult.
- If your child has attended a nursery you should have been given their Learning Journal. We would love to see these as they contain some useful information. We will return the Learning Journals by half term.

General information and Reminders

- Please ensure that EVERYTHING is named, from lunchboxes to vests and shoes!
- Children have access to outdoors all day, everyday. The English weather means that coats are needed most days!
- It is school policy that staff are not allowed to apply sun-tan lotion to children. Please ensure that you apply long-lasting (6 hour) sun-tan lotion to your child before the start of the school day, when required.
- 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 bottle of water for your child to drink throughout the day.
- Birthday Breaks! Children bring in the birthday break voucher on their birthday for an extra 5 minute break. This was introduced by the school council and is instead of bringing in treats to share with the class.

Home Learning Journals

- We realise that your children also learn at home and we would love to hear about this. At the end of this half term your child will be given a 'Home Learning Journal'. We will use this to tell you about what we are learning in school and will ask you to comment on your child's learning and achievements out of school (don't worry we will give you ideas on what to include!).

Reading

- We want children to enjoy reading and strongly recommend that you spend time reading to your child and sharing books with them. Next week (W/B 10.9.18), we would like your child to bring their favourite book to share with us.
- All children will start the reading scheme on books without words. This encourages children to use the pictures and tell the story, which are vital skills when learning to read.
- Children will progress through the reading scheme at their own pace.
- Please listen to your child read at home as much as possible (daily would be ideal!) and write one comment per book in their reading diary - if there is no comment then we will assume that the book has not been read.
- Reading books will be changed on a Monday and Thursday, but please send the book and diary into school every day.

Word Walls and Flash Cards

- These support reading. These are high frequency words (words children will come across time and again). There are 2 types of high frequency words, those that can be read using phonic skills (green) and 'tricky' words which can not be read using phonic skills (red).
- Please cut up the 2 copies and play snap/pairs etc.
- The children work through these words at their own pace and will be given a new set when they are secure on their current set. The children will be rewarded for the word walls they complete.

Sound Book

- Please ensure the sound book is placed in the basket daily.
- Please practise each new sound and have a go at the correct formation of the letter (please see further information in the front of your child's sound book).
- The correct articulation of sounds is vital. This website has a video of all of the sounds; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IwJx1NSineE> or don't hesitate to come in and check with us.

Maths

- Maths is a whole school focus this year and each year group has a list of challenges for all children to achieve.
- We have included a sheet to show you some of the skills we will be practising in Year R this half term.

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