

28th October 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: Parent Communication

Welcome back to school! We hope that you and your children enjoyed a lovely break over half term and are looking forward to more exciting activities and opportunities this half term. From now on, we will be sending home our regular news / phonics letters via email instead of a hard copy. Please make sure that you check your emails regularly to ensure that you are up to date with the latest news / phonics focus. A copy of each letter will also be made available in the Reception Class area of our website. If you are unable to access a copy via email or the website, please speak to a member of staff.

Week Beginning 28/10/19

Autumn 2 Topic:

This week we will be beginning to focus our work around a new topic called 'Tell Me a Story'. A copy of the project overview can be found on our class webpage.

Phonics Packs:

Please find attached a separate sheet outlining the sounds and words we will be focussing on this week.

N.B. New letters (when introduced) are added on a Monday and the phonics packs then used every day in class. Please can you make sure that all children put their phonics packs in their colour boxes (outside the classroom) on a **Monday** morning in order to have any new letters added. Your child's phonics pack should then be ready to use **every day** both at home and at school.

Reading Books:

Please remember to place your child's reading book and reading record in their colour boxes (outside the classroom) on a **Thursday** morning ready to be changed. New books will be sent home on a Friday. Please make sure that you record in your child's reading record when you have shared a book at home and how they have got on. Unfortunately, we are unable to send home a new book if





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the old book has not been returned or the reading record has not been signed to let us know that you have shared the book at home.

Handwriting:

Over the next couple of weeks we will be focussing on teaching the children the formation of the 'long ladder' letter family - 'l,i,t,u,y,j'. If you wish to practise more at home, the Letterjoin website can be used to support this (<https://www.letterjoin.co.uk>) or alternatively a letter formation sheet can be found on our class webpage.

Physical Development:

Finally, we are pleased to inform you that we have two new exciting opportunities starting this week.

P.E. Sessions will now begin on a **Wednesday** morning. All children will need a PE Kit in school i.e. a House T-shirt or white T-shirt, navy shorts and a pair of plimsolls. (PE will be taking place indoors this half term). Please can you make sure that all items are named and placed in a named, drawstring PE bag ready to use on Wednesday.

In addition, over the next 6 weeks on a **Thursday** morning, all the Reception children will be taking it in turns to attend a 'Balanceability' session. This is an early years programme aimed at teaching young children the fundamental balance skills which help in the transition of learning to ride a bike without stabilisers. These sessions will be led and equipped by the Cambridge School Sports Partnership. No additional equipment is needed, but please make sure that your child has a coat in school as these sessions will be held outdoors.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
The Reception Team



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