

Reception Weekly Updates

Week ending 27th September

This week we have been focusing on early reading skills. We have been spending quality time with the children to see who can handle a book correctly, engage in a book of their choosing and shows signs that they are ready to begin the next stage of their reading journey.

In Phonics this week, we have been teaching more about rhyme in fun and active ways. We have learnt a few songs too. Lots of children have taken it upon themselves to say two words to each other in play and sing the songs 'that rhymes, that rhymes' or 'no way, no way'. See if they can teach you!

We have also had lots of fun learning about germs. The teachers have pretended to sneeze on the children and used flour to represent the germs, showing how quickly they can spread. The children found this hilarious although rather messy! We talked about catching a sneeze in a tissue and then we showed the children where to dispose of these. We demonstrated how to wash our hands thoroughly using soap and water. The children have had fun drawing, making and naming germs. Keep doing this at home to keep those pesky germs at bay!

We have spoken a lot about our Golden Rules this week and focused on the Golden Rule 'We are kind and gentle'. We are finding that lots of the children are play fighting and can be very rough with each other. We are not opposed to encouraging fantasy and imaginative play, however we do not want the children getting hurt. Please talk to your children about ways to be gentle in play and what to do if someone is getting too rough. We are constantly monitoring but it is helped greatly if reinforced at home.

General

From now on, we will be asking for the children to come into the class by themselves and for parents to have left by 8:55. This is not because we want to get rid of you, but so the register and the dinners can be done efficiently and we can start phonics promptly at 9:00. Thank you in advance.

Also, please remember that at the end of the day we can be busy ensuring children are returned to the correct adult and it is a responsibility we take seriously. Therefore, please can we ask that you stand back and wait until all children have been dismissed before you approach the teacher. A huge thank you to those parents that are still waving, it not only really helps us, but also helps your child find you in a sea of unfamiliar faces.

Phonics Talk

The school's English Lead, Mrs James, will be holding a talk about phonics in October. This will inform you on: what phonics is, what you can expect from it; and how you can support your children on this journey. We will talk about our Letters and Sounds scheme and Jolly Phonics. Although this may sound intimidating, we will be bringing it back to the basics and building upon how these early stages affect the later ones and why we start at such a basic level. You do not need to attend if you came last year for a sibling, unless you would like a refresher. If you have not been to our Phonics Talk before, we highly recommend you attend. Phonics is a fundamental skill and it will benefit your child's ability to read and write hugely if you understand it too.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide childcare for this event therefore we kindly ask that children stay at home.

Dates for your diary –

Phonics information evening – 2nd October 2019 6pm - 7pm

Individual Photos & Sibling Photo's – 4th October 2019

Bulb Planting at Rooksdown – 18th October 2019

Parent Share (Come and view your child's work after school at 15:00-15:30 at your own leisure) – Tuesday 22nd October & Tuesday 24th October

Half Term – 28th October – 1st November

Inset Day – 4th November

Nasal Flu Vaccinations (Spray) – 15th November (Consent form to follow)

Thank you for all the support we have received so far, have a restful weekend.

The Year R Team

**Mrs Cook
& Mrs Brown**

Year R Teachers
Hedgehogs

Miss Gill

Year R Teacher
Ladybirds

Miss Ellis

Professional Teaching Partner
Hedgehogs

Mrs Lee

Professional Teaching Partner
Ladybirds