

Reception Weekly Updates.

Week ending 4th October

Thank you to all the parents for letting their child be independent in the mornings. We are so impressed at how many children can come in, put their stuff away and then write their name to sign in in the morning! Brilliant stuff!

This week we have continued to look at initial sounds. We have been using the children's initial sounds of their name rather than using their full name. During phonics, the children have also been playing 'I spy with my little eye something beginning with....' It has been amazing as some of the children continued to play the game without adults. If you could play this game at home it would continue to help them distinguish initial sounds - please use the letter sound rather than the letter name. We have also been practising our 'cauliflowers fluffy' song, ready for the children to sing during the Harvest assembly. Feel free to practice at home, it's on YouTube and it is very catchy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PukdaXUzgOU>

Ideas for Home

- Practise writing your child's name with them at home and forming the letters correctly. Have fun playing games, spotting their name in a bunch of words or using letters which are jumbled up to make their names.
- Play alliteration games. You could think of animals that start with the same sound as you child's name and make up funny names, for example, Curly-Cute-Callie-Caterpillar.
- Practise counting accurately. Have a go at counting lots of different objects around the house, garden and outside. You can even count jumps, skips or steps etc.

Library Books

Normally, on a Thursday, your child will have a library book in their bag. This is a book that is borrowed from the school and must be returned the following Thursday. The children visit the library in school every Thursday morning and are able to choose a new book. If a child has not brought their previous book into school, they will not be allowed to pick a new one. Please, please, please look after these books. If they are torn or damaged in any way they will have to be paid for. Some of our library books are borrowed from an external library and we can therefore not return them damaged. Thank you for your support.

General

Please make sure all children are successfully out of the classroom doors at the end of the day before trying to talk to the teacher. Safeguarding the children is our main priority- we need to make sure we have all the children safely handed over to their parents before we can relax and take our eyes off them. If your child has forgotten something then they will need to wait before coming back in. Thank you to those parents who still wave as their child is at the front of the line!

We have taken our first ever class photo for the Basingstoke Gazette. The photo will feature in the October 10th Edition.

Home School Diary

What do I use my child's home school diary for?

- Any concerns or any information you need to share.
- If you have practised any sounds or numbers etc.
- If you have read with your child.

We do not have time to look through all 30 children's bags for notes, letters or return slips, should you have any of these please place them in the Home School Diary box, so we know to read it.

Phonics Information Evening

Thank you so much to all of you that made the effort to come to the Phonics Information Evening on Wednesday. Hopefully you found the session informative and have some ideas of how your children will be learning in school and ways to support them at home. Most of the post-its that were left were with feedback - thank you for this. There were some lovely comments.

We only had one question, which was about the phoneme 'o-e' in home. What we didn't mention was that we do not teach the split vowel phonemes in Year R as this affects the children embedding the Phase 2 and 3 phonemes that we teach. We only go up to Phase 4 in Year R (the sounds can be looked up on the internet- search 'Letters and Sounds- Phase 2/ 3/ 4').

If you missed the session, we will be putting the PowerPoint and the video (from last year) onto the website for you to watch. Therefore, you will be able to get the information that everyone received at the session. These will be on the website for the next 4 weeks and then taken down.

Dates for your diary

Bulb Planting at Rooksdown – 18th October

Last day of half term – Friday 25th October

Happy Bag Collection – Tuesday 30th October

Hand Wash talk led by the school nursing team –Thursday 24th October

Autumn Parents Evening – Wednesday 20th November & Thursday 21st November – More information to follow regarding booking.

Year R, 1 2 & 3 – Flu Vaccinations – Thursday 15th November

Thank you for all for your support.

The Year R Team

**Mrs Cook &
Mrs Brown**

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Miss Gill

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