

Reception Weekly Updates.

Week ending 11th October

We have had a lovely week. The children are settling so well and are starting to work really hard.

Thank you to all those parents who generously donated for the bulb planting day. We are really looking forward to taking the children out and planting them around the school. As school we are also collecting tinned food for our harvest assembly, any donation will be welcome. Thank you

Ideas for home:

- Talk about the characters (Mum, Dad, Biff, Chip, Kipper and Floppy)
- Numbers 0, 1 and 2 – Recognising, counting and writing
- Go on an Autumn walk, what can you spot?
- Initial sounds games – Spotting the first sound in a word.

General

To keep you informed we have had to move our P.E and ICT lessons to Friday. We feel that this would be more beneficial for the children and hope that they will begin to feel more settled. This also means that our library day will be moving to a Friday, so please make sure their library books are in their book bag on this day.

On Friday we have P.E in the morning and in the afternoon, we are developing our core strength and fine/gross motor skills in varies. To maximise learning time we have decided that the children will have the opportunity to go home in their P.E kits, can we ask that all children have tracksuit bottoms as the weather is now getting cold. We will ensure that the children have these on in order to walk home. If you have any issues with this then please contact your child's class teacher.

We have our harvest assembly on Monday so please we have 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>

Phonics

This week we decided to continue with initial sounds as both classes were finding it quite tricky. The children have made a big improvement, but please help by practising at home. We looked specifically at S, A, T and P. We played a game of sort the initial sounds, the children or teacher would say the words and then put them into the correct bucket. The children loved sorting and it and some of them even showed us in their independent learning.

Maths

We have been looked at recognising the numerals 0, 1 and 2 and understanding their quantities. Next week, we will be looking at 3 and 4 and we will be playing a number fact game where they will deepen their understanding of quantity and number. At home, practise counting accurately and spotting 0's and 1's in the environment. All children are very good at rote counting aloud but some are getting confused when actually counting objects and forgetting to stop at the number that has been asked for. Lots of children will carry on and count out 10 objects, even if we've only asked for 9, for example.

Please find a fun game to play with your children at home.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/caterpillar-ordering>

Dates for your diary

HPL Talk – Monday 14th October at 18:00

Bulb Planting at Rooksdown – 18th October 9:15 am – 9:45 am

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

Last day of half term – Friday 25th October

Inset day – Monday 4th November

Back to school – Tuesday 5th November

Happy Bag Collection – 8th November

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

Nativity Dress Rehearsal (SCHOOL ONLY) – Monday 16th December

Year R Nativity – Tuesday 17th December (10:00am) and Wednesday 18th December (10:00am)

Year R Christmas Disco – Wednesday 18th December (2:00pm – 3:00pm)

Christmas lunch – Thursday 19th December

Last day of school – Friday 20th December

Thank you for all for your support.

The Year R Team

**Mrs Brown and
Mrs Cook**

Miss Gill

Miss Ellis

Miss Lee

Head of Year R
Hedgehogs

Year R Teacher
Ladybirds

Professional Teaching Partner
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