

St Thomas More RC Primary School
Early Years Foundation Stage
Reception Class



31st January 2020

Dear Parents,

We have just a few pieces of information to share with you...

High Frequency Words

Please keep your child's High Frequency Word packs at home until further notice and please continue to practise and revise all of the words with your child.

We are finding that although the children are able to read the word cards in their pack each week when they return them to school, when they come to reading and writing the words in different contexts and situations, the children are 'forgetting' them when they are working independently in our areas of continuous provision, during phonics and when working on a guided writing activity with a member of the team.

Our aim is to ensure that the children are confidently reading and spelling the words and that they are able then to use them securely (and with independence) in all reading and writing activities that they complete.

We do not want to 'rush' the children through 'as many words as possible' without them being secure and we ask that you continue to work on these at home with your child at their pace. We have attached the full set of the Reception High Frequency word cards for you to keep at home so that you can work on these with your child. The attached sheets will include words that your child already has in their pack. We ask that you continue to practise the words and introduce new words as we have done, when you feel your child is ready.

We will continue to 'teach' the High Frequency Words (reading and spelling) in our daily phonics sessions, during our Literacy teaching inputs, guided writing and whilst working with the children during continuous provision.

We appreciate your understanding, support and co-operation in this matter and if you have any queries or questions, please pop in and speak to us.

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Reading books

Please continue to send in your child's reading book and reading record on your child's allocated day. We do ask that you add a comment in the reading record (this doesn't have to be a daily comment) just to let us know how your child is reading at home. Thank you.

Outdoor Area

Thank you for the many offers of resources for our outdoor area, we are always developing our provision areas and these extra donations are very much appreciated.

Before school routine

As you are aware at 8:40am, a member of the Reception team will ring the bell and the children are to line up in two lines, girls and boys, ready to walk into the school building independently, where they will hang up their own belongings on their pegs.

We ask that the Reception door area remains clear so that the children can walk into school safely. If you do need to speak to a member of the team in the morning, we will be available from 8:30am in our outdoor area, otherwise we do ask for you to wait until all children are safely in the school building.

Parents/carers are to stay with their child in the playground until they have safely entered the building.

Polite reminder: Outdoor equipment and resources are not to be used/accessed before or after school. Thank you.

If you have any questions or queries, please pop in and speak to a member of staff.

Many thanks for your continued support,
The Reception team