



7th September 2017

Reception Update

It has been a great start to the Autumn term and we have enjoyed getting to know the children. They have all settled in so well. The children have enjoyed their time with their big friends who have helped them to settle into the routines and have begun to form friendships within the class.

Rainbow Fish

We have been focusing on the story of the 'Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister by role playing the story in the small world and 'under the sea' in the role play area. We will be creating our own fish by using different materials eg celery, to print the scales and will be baking cakes to ice and build a big class fish! We have looked at the story discussing the changes in the Rainbow Fish and what we need to do in class to be like the kind fish.

Autumn

We have started to look at the changes in the seasons, looking for the first signs of autumn, the colours and using handprints to create our own Autumn Oak Tree.

Just a few reminders..

Reading record - starting next week (11.09.17)

This is to keep a record of when and what your child reads at home as well as at school. Teachers and Teaching Assistants will write in it each time we hear your child read to inform you of the focus in our sessions for you to continue at home. It is a good way of communicating what you have noticed about your child when reading and sharing books at home and we encourage you to write a comment in the reading record please.

PE Kit

We suggest children bring PE Kits in on a Monday and take them home on a Friday, so they always have a set of clothes in school if needed. We currently have PE on a Tuesday and a Thursday and as I am sure you are aware thirty children getting changed altogether can be a challenge, so we do endeavour to make sure all kits go in the rights bags. Sometimes this can prove to be a little difficult, so we please ask that you clearly write your child's name in each item of clothing to avoid loss or confusion .

Children need:

- Black shorts (For indoor PE)
- Black tracksuit bottoms (for outdoor PE)
- House T shirt
- Trainers / pumps
- Black zip up hoody

If your child has their ears pierced they must have plasters to cover these during PE for health and safety reasons.

Water Bottles

We continually remind the children to have a drink throughout the day. Children have access to cups and jugs of water, so if they forget their water bottle they will not go thirsty. Please can we remind you that it should be water only to drink in class (unless medical issues of which we need to be told in writing.)

However, a drink of squash may be brought in for lunchtime.

Open Mornings 'Thursday Drop in's'

Every Thursday morning you are invited to come into class from 8:45 - 8:50 to have a look at what your child has been doing. Your child can show you their favourite piece of work and share what they have been learning. There will be post it notes or stickers for you to comment on, date and sign to stick on your favourite piece of work in their books.

Show and Tell

Every Friday the children are invited to bring something special in to share with the rest of the class. This is an excellent opportunity for the children to ask and answer questions, speaking in a familiar group and developing in confidence.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the last week.

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