



EYFS Curriculum News



A warm welcome to our Early Years Foundation Stage. We are very excited about the year ahead and looking forward to seeing the children develop. We are so proud of how the children have settled into school life and we have loved seeing how they have all enjoyed exploring their new environment.

It has been a busy start for us and the children are already showing signs of becoming the independent learners. So far the children have been colour mixing with paints, making their own playdough, creating delicious buns and smoothies in the mud kitchen and learning how to make obstacle courses.

The children have already taken on key roles and responsibilities within the EYFS and are thoroughly enjoying being part of their Tidy Teams. We are all very excited for the year ahead!



House keeping

We are encouraging the children to be independent in everything they do. So when they come in each morning they are asked to put their book bag and water bottle in their key worker area (Giraffe, Dinosaur, Zebra, Teddy bear). They then hang their coat up in the cloakroom. It is really helpful if the children have their book bag in one hand and water bottle in the other so they remember! Please ensure children come to school with their school water bottles filled each morning and their red school book bag. Please check book bags each night for letters etc.

Please encourage your child to use a knife and fork at meal times as this is an important life skill we are developing during lunchtime.

We understand this is tricky but please encourage your child to wipe themselves after going to the toilet as we are encouraging the children to go to the toilet independently and without asking an adult therefore sometimes we do not know if they are clean.



EYFS Vision

'To empower our children to be independent, well rounded individuals who have a love of learning and seek challenge in everything they do.'

£1 voluntary contribution

At snack time, we provide a different selection of foods each day. Children are not limited on amounts allowing them to try several different foods such as seasonal fruit, vegetables, toast, crackers, cheese and fruit loaf.

Children have access to milk during snack time and water at all times. We ask parents to make a £1 contribution each week on a Monday.

Inside your child's book bag there is a small plastic envelope for the contribution.



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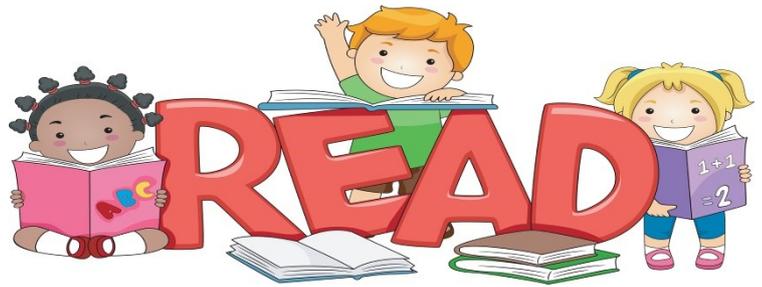
Please post child's learning on Tapestry- we love seeing what they have been doing at home!



Reading

Books will be sent home in your child's book bag each week along with a home-school reading diary. Please ensure these are in your child's bag each day so that they can read in school and at home on a daily basis

Please note initially the books may not have words in as we are assessing the children's phonic knowledge however it is still important for children to continue to look at these picture books daily and practice talking about the pictures, holding the book and turning the pages one at a time.



Thank you to all those children and parents who have brought back their suitcase and 'All about me' sheet for the wall.

The children have really enjoyed sharing their suitcases and learning about each others holidays.



Phonics

The children will be starting to talk about their phonics at home and be sharing with you some of the sounds they have been learning. We use the 'Jolly Phonic' songs to teach the children how to pronounce the letter sounds. You can find these on YouTube 'Jolly phonics'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=COJdn6sbbsk>

Key Dates

Phonics Workshop: 21st September 2017 at 5pm

Numicon Workshop: 25th September 2017 at 5pm

Stay & Play: '100 Thing to do before you are 6,'

28th September Dinosaurs and Giraffes at 9.30am, Teddy Bears and Zebras at 1.30pm

'Christmas Crafts' 4th December at 2pm

Dad's Day: *Outdoor Den Building* 14th October at 9am

Nativity: 13th December at 1.30 pm, 14th December at 5pm.

Visit to the Panto: 19th December

