

Year R Newsletter Autumn 1 2020



Welcome to the first topic newsletter of the year. We send these out half termly to give you information about our learning activities in the year group. The children are enjoying their first few days in school and getting used to our routines. We are very pleased with how well they have settled.

Our topics this half-term are **“Guess who?”** and **“Harvest”**.



We are taking lots of photos to record their first few experiences and these will soon be put onto Tapestry for you to see.

Literacy – We will be sharing books about different children, families, and where we live. During Harvest we will learn to retell the story of the Little Red Hen using actions, as well as looking at non-fiction texts about where our food comes from.

We will also be starting to practise pre-writing letter shapes as well as recognising our names.

Mathematics – We will be learning to accurately recognise numbers to 10 and be able to count objects.

Understanding of the world – Following our topic “Guess who” we will talk about our families and how different families like and do different things. We will also look at how we celebrate Harvest around the world.

Art and design – We will create self-portraits, pictures of our families and home using pencil drawings and paint. During our Harvest celebrations we will explore vegetable printing, scarecrow making and textures.

Physical Development – We will begin to develop our gross and fine motor skills through hand gym, dough gym” and “squiggle while you wriggle”. We will also start to introduce children to PE lessons both inside and outside.



Dates for your diary

October

w/b 19th October 2020

Parents' Evenings

Booking online from Monday, 28th September - details to follow

26th – 30th October 2020

Half-term – School Closed

Water Bottles

In the interest of hygiene we will be sending home your child's water bottle every Friday, so you can give it a thorough wash.

PE Days

Wednesday is outdoor PE- please send your child into school wearing leggings or tracksuit bottoms, and normal school cardigan/sweatshirt)

Thursday is indoor PE - children will change into PE shorts and T shirts from their PE bags which stay in school.

Reading

Learning to read is one of the most important skills that your child will develop over the next few years. The more support and encouragement that you can offer your child, the more likely it is that he or she will make good progress.

At school we are using the *Oxford Reading Tree* series to take your child through the early stages of learning to read. We are using the *Floppy's Phonics* teaching programme, which is a step-by-step phonics reading scheme. It introduces the children to the letters and sounds (the alphabetic code) that are at the foundation of all reading and writing.

To reinforce the teaching in school, your child may bring home some books to share with you. These may be:

- *Floppy's Phonics Sounds Books*, to practise the sounds and letters taught at school
- *Floppy's Phonics* decodable readers to practise reading stories and different text types.

You may like to visit www.oxfordowl.co.uk for further information about phonics, helping your child to read and for free resources and eBooks.



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How you can help your child at home:

- Read on a regular basis, either school book or library book.
- Play board games that involve turn taking
- Go for a walk and encourage the children to listen, look and talk about the things they see and hear.



Please share home learning with us through Tapestry using photos and videos.

Please note that we will be 'early adopters' of the new Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage, which will become statutory from September 2021.