



Reception Newsletter



Friday 29th September 2023

The children have continued to settle amazingly well at school. They are showing great independence in the mornings; putting away their own bag, water bottle and coat. We are now storing book bags in our red trays – can we please request that any key rings on the bag are quite small as some children are having difficulty closing their trays.

Thank you.

Now that the children have settled in, I would like to run a series of EYFS workshops which you may find useful in supporting your child at home. These meetings will take place in our classroom (Reception Class will be having fun in the hall). Please arrive via the school office. If you are unable to attend, I will post any relevant information on our class page on the school website. The first of these workshops will take place on;

Thursday 5th October at 2.00 – 2.50pm. Welcome meeting.

During this meeting, we will discuss the day to day routines in Reception as well as our curriculum.

Thursday 19th October at 2.00 – 2.50pm. Reading and Phonics.

This meeting will give an overview of how we teach reading through phonics and also give some ideas of how to support your child with reading at home.

What have we been up to this week?

- On Tuesday we visited the school library for the first time. We used our gentle voices and learned how to behave in a library. We know that books are precious and we took care when handling and choosing one to take home.
- We have been reading stories about The Creation (Genesis 1). Click on this link to watch a lovely animation: https://youtu.be/bLHB_hNk42g
The children made beautiful planet earths from paper plates – they are bringing these home. Please talk to your child about their lovely learning.
- We have offered the children the opportunity to play in the big KS1 playground at lunchtime. Six children are selected each day and get to wear a special orange bib. This is of course optional for the children.
- On Wednesday we found a note on Mrs Evans' chair announcing a 'mystery reader' would be coming to read a story at the end of the day. We waited for three knocks on our classroom door and we were delighted to welcome Mrs Ferryman.
- We continued to learn our golden rules; Kind hands, Kind feet, Kind words. It would be amazing if the children could practise using this vocabulary at home too.

Phonics

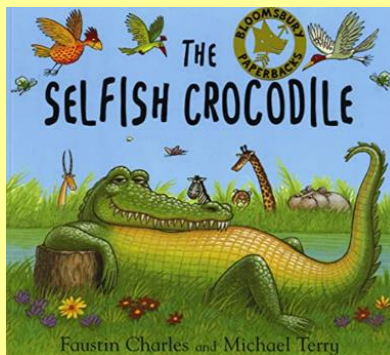
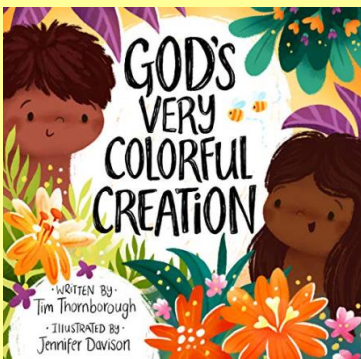
This week we have learned these sounds: **i n m d**

Please refer to our class page on the school website for more information about phonics.

Next week we will be...

- Learning about autumn and changes in the seasons.
- Exploring signs of autumn around our school
- Exploring the story of the Gruffalo.
- Learning the sounds **g o c k**
- Learning that God made the world and God made us.

Recommended Books and Rhymes



Reminders

Trainers

The children did really well with their second PE lesson. Can we please request, if possible, that your child's trainers have a velcro strap. Laced trainers come undone (despite a double bow) several times a day and when the children go to the toilet, we cannot guarantee that the floor will be free of 'puddles'

Labels

Please remember to label all of your child's items including clothing, shoes, book bags, coats and water bottles.

In Service Day

A reminder that next Friday 6th October the school is closed for our MAT in-service day.

Have a lovely weekend!