



Year R Class Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2020

Believe Grow Achieve

Dear Parents

As we are nearing the end of the first half-term, we are delighted to see how the whole class has settled in all aspects of school life. There has been lots to learn and routines to take on and we are very pleased with how independent they are becoming with so many things. The children are definitely getting tired, so please do make sure your child has time to rest over the holidays!

Maths Update

The children continue to work on reciting numbers to 20 and beyond, accurate counting, recognising numbers and using the language more / less / most / least / the same.

Today, your child should come home with a sheet of card with either numbers or visual images of amounts. These are called **Key Instant Recall Facts or KIRFs** for short.

It is important that children learn these for instant recall to help their progress in maths as they move through the school. When you feel that they know them we will test them in school before sending the next set. There are 10 sets to learn by the end of the year.

It is also a good idea to have a number line on the wall at home so that children start to remember a picture of it. This will help lots when we start to do more adding and subtracting. For those with good number knowledge, continue to look at the way that numbers can be made up e.g. $2+2=4$, $3+1=4$.

Reading

In the next week your child may bring home their first set of creepy crawly words. These are words that **cannot** be read using sounds. They must learn to read them by sight. Please help your child to learn these. Once they have learned the first set, they will be given the next set. There are 7 more sets to learn by the end of the year.

Some children have also brought home speed sound cards. Please help your children to quickly recognise these sounds as they work towards blending. The more quickly they recognise a sound the easier they will find blending.

Coats - If you haven't yet done so, please could you ensure that your child has waterproof trousers or an all in one suit in school. If necessary, an old pair of trousers that you don't mind them getting muddy in would be fine instead.

Show and Tell

Next half term we are going to have Show and Tell. It will take place on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The show and tell theme will be 'all about me'. Children are invited to create a shoe box with some things inside to tell us about themselves. It might include pictures of themselves and their family, special toys or trinkets that tell us about themselves. Children should come prepared when it is their turn. The weeks have been allocated as follows:

Tuesday 3 rd November	Rosie, Poppy P, Koen, Rohan
Thursday 5 th November	Story, James, Noah
Tuesday 10 th November	Jack, Sebastian, Aiyah,
Thursday 12 th November	Maxton, Bertie, Lizzy,
Tuesday 17 th November	Nicholas, Dylan, Bess, Josua
Thursday 19 th November	Ruby, Ezra, Owen, Poppy F
Tuesday 24 th November	Skye, Harriet, Henry,
Thursday 24 th October	Ella, Freddie, Ginny

Please make sure the items fit inside a small shoe box.

Did You Know?

Today, your child is bringing home a few 'did you know' slips. This is a way for you to share and celebrate new things that your child can do. We will read these out to the class and give them a Whoosh!

Did you know..?

Edward got dressed for school all on his own this morning. He even persevered to put his socks on and his shoes on the right feet.

We also love to hear about learning that your child does outside school through **Tapestry**, so please continue to keep on adding observations.

If you have any questions about any aspects of this letter or about any aspect of school please do not hesitate to get in touch with either of us via e-mail admin@3308@welearn365.com or jot a note in your child's learning log.

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