

Reception Newsletter

Friday 21st September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a long but exciting week for the children and they will probably be tired this weekend! The majority of children have done really well coming into school independently, at the Reception gate, and we are very proud of them for this.

We are enjoying getting to know the children and supporting them to learn the school routines and make new friends. Throughout the year, we will plan our topics based on the children's interests and what the next steps in their learning are. Our primary focus is their personal, social, emotional and physical development, as well as their communication and language. Alongside these Prime areas of learning, there are the Specific areas of Literacy, Mathematics (Numeracy), Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design. This year, as we observe the children and track their progress, we will be able to share this with you via email. More information on this will follow in the next few weeks.

Next week, we would like to learn more about each child's family. Please could you send in a family photograph so that your child can tell us about their family. We will photocopy your photograph for us to keep for our class family booklet and send the originals home. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to gain confidence talking to a group of their friends about a familiar topic.

Each week, we like to include a 'Talking Topic' on the weekly newsletter. This may be related to work in school or it may be something chosen at random to spark their interest. We would like you to use the Talking Topic as an opportunity to chat with your child and help encourage good speaking and listening skills.

This week's  'Talking Topic' is: words that rhyme. E.g. **cat**, pat, sat, hat / **pig**, dig, wig

Please send your child to school with their reading packet everyday. Any letters or forms being sent into school should be put in your child's reading packet and will be taken out by a member of the Reception Team.

On Tuesday, you should have received a letter about our Parent Consultation evenings. If you have not filled this in and returned it already, please make sure that you return it on Monday as places are allocated on a first come first served basis.

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our coffee morning. We hope that you found it a good opportunity to get to know other parents.

Finally, we would like to invite you to a Reception Year information evening on Wednesday 17th October from 6pm until 6:45pm. We cannot emphasise enough how important it is for parents to attend this meeting and we hope that an adult from each family can join us. This meeting will explain how the Early Years Foundation Stage works with a focus on how Literacy will be taught in Reception this year. It will help you to support your child with reading and writing and will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions about your child's Reception Year and Literacy at Woodhouse.

If you do have any concerns or questions do not hesitate to ask Mrs. Brook and she will ensure the Reception team are informed.

Many thanks,

The Reception team