

Reception -

We have completed our first week in Reception and our new teachers are very proud of us! We are getting to know the children in our class and have had a lot of fun exploring our classroom as well as the outdoor area. We have met other adults in the school including: Mrs Witteridge, Miss Hester, Mr Briggs the Site Manager as well as the ladies in the office.

These are the days that Reception will have PE:

Cherry Class: Mondays and Thursdays

Chestnut Class: Wednesdays and Thursdays

Hawthorn Class: Mondays and Wednesdays

Please ensure on these days that long hair is tied back and earrings are removed.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend,

The Reception Team

HOMEWORK

Please encourage your child to dress and undress with increasing independence.

Year 1 -

This week the children have completed their first week in Year 1! They have been looking at the new 100 High Frequency Words and seeing how many of the new words they know or remember. They have also been practising their letter sounds and reading letter blends. The teachers have been discovering what the children can do in their Maths work, such as: counting, recognising shapes and recognising numbers. These are all things that the children can practise at home if they would like to.

The children have also read with the new adults in their class and have chosen different books to take home and read. The children will be reminded to change their books daily if they need to. In all three classes the children have contributed to a new set of class rules together which they have already made sure they follow every day.

Please remember to read as normal and to fill in your child's diary when they have read at home. The new and updated 100 High Frequency Words are now in children's diaries. We encourage adults to practise reading the High Frequency Words with their child to further their reading. Many thanks.

Willow class would appreciate any jigsaw puzzles which are complete and in good condition, about 50 pieces, your child no longer uses. Thank you!

HOMEWORK

Reading: at least 4 times a week and reading diary signed and dated.

Year 2 -

This week in Year 2 we have been getting used to being back at school.

As part of our Geography work we have looked at atlases and maps to find out about places that we have been to during the summer holiday.

In English we've written postcards from somewhere that we've been to. We've tried hard to remember to use capital letters and full stops, and also to use the past tense when writing about something that has already happened.

We've practised asking and answering questions to find out more about each other and have been learning to write them, making sure that we've used a question mark at the end of each question and a full stop at the end of each answer.

In Maths we have been comparing and ordering numbers. We have also learnt to use the greater than and less than symbols to compare numbers e.g. $9 < 15$ and $15 > 9$.

We have been learning how to partition two digit numbers into tens and ones so that we understand what each number represents e.g. 64 is 6 tens and 4 ones.

As part of PSHE we've thought about rules for our classrooms to keep us safe and happy, as well as help us learn. We've written a list of class rules which we will try hard to follow!

Homework

Reading is homework and the children should be reading to an adult at least 4 to 5 times a week, and reading diaries signed and dated. Please make sure that your child is doing this as it makes a considerable difference to their progress in reading, particularly if they talk and answer questions about what they have read.

As explained in a letter sent out on Parent mail we are now teaching the phonic skills needed for reading and spelling using a programme called Letters & Sounds.

At the beginning of this term we are recapping phonemes and graphemes that have previously been taught. This is to ensure that the children remember them after the summer break.

Spellings: Written below are the phoneme/graphemes that the children will be practising next week. Please practise these at home too.

oy - e.g. boy enjoy

ir - e.g. girl shirt

ue - e.g. blue true

aw - e.g. raw draw

Key words - Mr, Mrs, looked, called, asked