

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break. It has been great to see all the children return in such a cheerful manner and resettle into our routines so smoothly. They have supported the new Reception children wonderfully as well as showing great enthusiasm in their own learning.



Curriculum This term our topic is 'Belonging'. We will initially be looking at the story 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. Our concepts are community, democracy, identity, and friendship which we will explore through looking at our school, the human body, and families.

In Maths we will be focussing on one more than and one less than a number, comparing amounts and looking at place value for numbers to 10.

In Phonics we will be consolidating our Phase 3 sounds and tricky words and once each child has been re-assessed they will continue to build on their phonetic understanding.

A knowledge organiser will be sent out next week which will outline our curriculum coverage in more depth and list key vocabulary that the children will be learning.

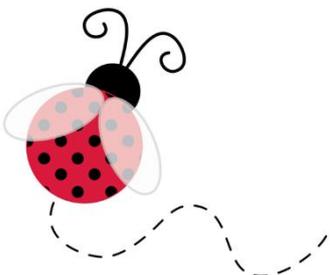
What to bring to school

A water bottle - a named water bottle so that they can help themselves to a drink when necessary. Please note that this must only contain water.

Appropriate clothing - if it is hot, please make sure your child has a **sun hat** and **sun cream** is applied before they come to school. Likewise, please make sure your child has a **coat** in school every day as the weather can be unpredictable. Your child also needs to have a pair of **wellie boots** so that they can access learning on the school field, it may be easier for these to stay in school. Please make sure that all items of clothing are named.

Reading record and book - your child should now have taken their new reading record book home; this is to be used in the same way as the little red books from last year. Please try and hear your child read their phonics book as often as possible for 5-10 minutes. We will also regularly hear your child read in school. There is currently no requirement to quarantine books, therefore you can return them once you have finished and a member of staff will change them for two new books. Remember re-reading a text helps to build fluency and the reading challenges from the sheet provided last year can allow you to explore a text in more depth.

Homework: The children will be regularly issued maths games that they can play via Active Learn. If you have lost your child's password then please let me know.



Other

PE lessons will take place as a year group on Wednesday and Thursday. On these days, your child should come to school in their PE kit.

I look forward to working with you and your child again this year. Do arrange to speak to me if you have any questions or concerns, no matter how small they may seem.

Many thanks,
Miss Nicolson

