

Foundation 2 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

Welcome to all our new Foundation children. We hope you have all had a lovely summer break. The children have all settled in well and are trying hard to follow our routines. We are very proud of the good start they've made.

What will we be learning this half term?

This half term our topic is 'Families'. This is a great way to start the year as it really helps us get to know you and the children. It would be helpful if you talk to the children at home about the different members of your family, so they feel confident enough to share with us.

In foundation our composition lesson is called 'Drawing club'. This is because every lesson involves some sort of drawing. We have found that this really engages the children. Throughout this half term we will be looking at different stories and learning key features of story books, as well as learning lots of new vocabulary. In addition to this, the children will be learning to read and write their names.

In maths, we will begin the term with geometry. Our focus will be spatial awareness and 2D/3D shapes.

Later in the term, we will begin to look at number in more depth. As a school we follow a program called Mastering Number. This project aims to secure firm foundations in the development of good number sense for all children from Reception through to Year 1 and Year 2. The aim over time is that children will leave KS1 with fluency in calculation and a confidence in number. Attention will be given to key knowledge and understanding needed in Reception classes, and progression through KS1, to support success in the future.

Welly Wednesday

Most Wednesdays the children will be going to Forest school, so please make sure their wellies and waterproof coats are in school.

Wednesday is also PE day so please make sure the children have their PE kits. Earrings also need to be removed before school on Wednesdays, as we are not allowed to take them out for the children.



Family pictures

As part of our topic, we would love it if you could bring send in with the children some family photos. This is so they can share with us who is in their family. Please could we have the pictures for the week commencing 9th September.

Books and videos we will read/watch in drawing club to support our topic this half term





Some of the vocabulary we will look at this half term

Title, Author, Illustrator, page, word, character, describe, adjective, setting, beginning, middle, end, above, in front of, below, behind, through, over, families, grandparents, cousins, special, different, same, country, culture

Home learning

Once we have taught the first set of letter sounds in Phonics, we will send letter sounds for your child to learn at home. Please practise these sounds at home so your child recognises the sound. We will check the sounds every week and send new sounds home.

Your child will have a reading book in the next few weeks. The book will contain words that only use the sounds we are learning that week in phonics. They will also have a reading for pleasure book which they can share with an adult at home.

When you share the book with your child please write in their yellow reading diary. You are expected to read with and write in their diary twice a week, it's really important you do this.

Class Dojo

If you have not already joined, please could you join so that you can access any messages that we put on there. Thank you.

Things to remember everyday

Please remember to bring your reading pack containing your diary, reading book and letter sounds. You need to bring a water bottle filled with plain water or squash to drink in the classroom each day.

Please make sure you bring a coat every day as we will be outside for a long time each day, even if it is cold or raining.

Please could we remind you to name all items of clothing, especially jumpers and cardigans, this will make it easier to locate the owner of lost items.

Please check your child's book bag every night as we will be sending letters out throughout the year. If you have any questions/concerns please come and talk to us or send a message on Dojo.

Important Dates this half term

27th September – School celebrates 100 years.

A letter has already been sent home about this.

11th October – Reading Café

Come into class and share a biscuit and a book with your child.

18th October – Halloween themed day.

We would like the children to come to school in their spooky Halloween costumes.

Thank you

The Foundation Team:

Mrs Hall, Miss Makepeace, Mrs Rafferty, Mrs Harrison