



Year R Homework Letter - Friday 19th September

This week we started to administer the Reception Baseline Assessments with the children in Literacy, Language & Communication and Maths. The children very much enjoyed doing the 1:1 activities with me. There is no pass or fail with these assessments, they simply provide us with a helpful snapshot of where your child is when they enter Reception, so they can then be supported in the most appropriate way.

Phonics

This week we have been working on our Phase 1 phonics- playing sound association games on Phonic Play. We have been very pleased with how smoothly the children have taken to sitting together on the carpet and raising their hands to ask questions. We have also been very impressed with the childrens' ability to form their letters - a very promising start! Next week we will start teaching phonics using the Oxford Owl Essential Letters and Sounds programme. The first phonemes we will introduce the children to are s - a - t - p . Today we have sent home Phonics flashcards to support there learning at home, these cover all the sounds we will learn this half term. We have included a link to help with the pronunciation of phonemes (sounds): [Phonics: How to pronounce pure sounds | Oxford Owl - YouTube](#) (this is also on the school website)

We will continue to send home 'wordless' books next week. Please encourage your child to tell you the story using the pictures. Ask your child to describe how each character is feeling and to predict what might happen next in the story. Once we have introduced the children to to the next set of phonemes we will start to send home books with words. I have set two E- books from the Oxford Owl Essential Letters and sounds website. One book is a wordless book and the second book compliments the phonic learning for this week.

Harvest

This year in partnership with Christ Church in the village, we will be supporting a local charity called 'Open Hands'. To find out more about the charity please click on the following link <https://www.openhandsreigate.com>. Christ Church would like to continue to support Open Hands by collecting items of food that can be used for their food bank. We have received an amazing response from parents and children previously, so would like to operate the collection as we have done before, by asking the children in each year group to collect a specific item. To help us support this charity, please could you bring in: Multipack crisps. Thank you in advance for your support.

Homework

Please continue to read daily with your child and write a comment in your child's yellow reading log. We will read with your child twice a week, but provide you with two books. I have also set two Oxford Owl E-books for you to read with your child this week. Log in details can be found on the inside cover of your child's yellow reading log.

Literacy

This week, we have continued to practise writing our names this week. Please could you continue to help your child recognise and write their name at home as this will help them considerably.

Diary Dates

*Thursday 16th October: Harvest Service at Christ Church, 9.30 am
Thursday 6th November: Year R Buddy Collective Worship, 9.00 am (Hall)
Monday 24th November, Tuesday 25th November, Wednesday 26th November: Parent and Carer Evening (3.30 -6.00 pm)
Monday 8th December: Nativity Dress Rehearsal , 2.00—3.00pm
Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th December: Nativity Performance, 2.00—3.00pm*

*Have a lovely weekend,
Miss Gibbins and the EYFS Team*