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Year R Weekly Information Sheet 1/10/2021

Wow, this week has flown by! We are so proud of all the children staying full time this week. We know we have had some tired children by the end of the week but they all have enjoyed it.

THIS WEEK WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING.....

PHONICS: This week we have learnt our first set of new sounds **k**, **ck**, **e**, **u**, **r**. As you can see **c**, **k** and **ck** all make the same sound, we introduce them at the same time for the children to recognise this.



Attached to this newsletter are the sheets to support these letters. **PLEASE** get your children to practice the sounds they have learnt. You can use these sheets to create a sounds book at home! We have been watching the Alphablocks Episodes at the end of our phonics sessions as the children really enjoy finding the sounds we have been learning. When watching them at home see how many letters your child recognises.

MATHS: We have started to have our first maths sessions with the children this week. We have been learning about Subitising. Young children have a remarkable skill: they can recognise numbers of things without counting, this is called subitising. Subitising can help children to build images for numbers, to visualise and to learn number facts. For instance, most four-year-olds readily learn to recognise five dots on a dice, which helps them to understand the cardinal value or 'howmanyness' of five, which they can link to the word and symbol for 5. Structured images like this also help children to begin to see numbers inside numbers, for instance seeing four and one within five.

We have been encouraging the children to instantly recognise these amounts in our environment.



PE: Don't forget every Monday children need to come to school wearing their PE kits and will be dressed in it all day. Children should be wearing plain black shorts/jogging bottoms/leggings, their colour group t-shirt, school jumper/cardigan and black trainers or school shoes.

LIBRARY: Please ensure library books are returned on Monday. If your child doesn't return their library book they will not be able to take a new one.

READING BOOKS: Thank you to everyone who has kept their books in their book bags this week. It has been really easy for us to swap the books over and your child will now have a new book once a week but as we read these on different days the books must stay in their bag. Remember to record in their reading log when they read at home.

COFFEE MORNINGS: Mrs Dowdell is our wonderful Parent Partnership person. She runs lots of courses and is always willing to listen and support in any way she can. One event she runs is Coffee Mornings every Friday from 9am until 10am in the Blue Room (on the English Road playground). It is an opportunity to chat with other parents and get to know each other over a coffee and biscuit. Babies and toddlers are also welcome, she can't wait to see lots of new faces.



COATS: With the ever changing weather and children using our outdoor spaces in all weathers please ensure your child brings a suitable coat **everyday**. Also don't forget to name it!



LUNCH: Please can you talk to your child about their lunch. Although children have been very good at choosing which lunch they would like we have had a lot of children who are not eating what they have chosen. We are trying to let grow ups know if their child hasn't wanted to eat their lunch, but are not always able to catch everyone.

KEY DATES:

Tuesday 5th October - Menu changed - Roast Dinner or Vegetarian Parcel
Thursday 7th October - Autumn Pupil Census day - menu changed - Pizza or vegetarian bolognaise
Monday 18th October - INSET day - school closed
Wednesday 20th October - Pupil Progress Meetings
Thursday 21st October - Pupil Progress Meetings
Monday 25th - Friday 29th October - Half Term School Closed