

# Reception Newsletter



## Hello Friends

The children have settled well into Reception and have enjoyed using and exploring the areas of provision within the classroom. In our role play area we currently have a Doctors Surgery where the children are pretending to be doctors, nurses and patients!

We are now working hard on our topic 'Hello Friends.' Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing a range of texts linked to this theme including 'Hello Friend' by Rebecca Cobb and 'We All Have Different Families' by Melissa Higgins.



We will be thinking about the similarities and differences between ourselves and others such as our likes and dislikes and our different families.

## Phonics and Reading

From September, we are using the Monster Phonics Scheme to teach phonics. The children have already been very excited to meet all of the monsters!

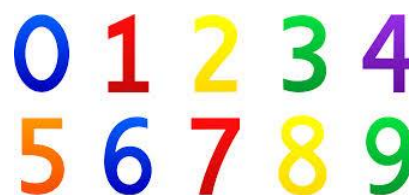
To begin with, we will be sending home reading books without words for the children to tell stories in their own words. You can ask questions about who, where, when and what happened when sharing these books at home. The children will bring home books with words once they have learnt the first sets of sounds in phonics. At this point, they will then be able to use the sounds that they have learnt to blend for reading.

We ask that the children read at least 3 times a week at home and that you record in their reading diary to let us know how they have got on with their book at home. If children read 3 times their name will be entered into the book draw for the chance to win a lovely picture book to take home!

## Maths

Our maths work this half term will focus around counting, subitising (recognising how many without counting) and recognising that a whole is made up of smaller amounts. We will be completing maths tasks in lots of practical ways, singing number songs and playing games. The children love Numberblocks and you can find lots of activities and links to the programme on the Cbeebies website

[www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies](http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies)



## Homework and Seesaw

Homework will alternate between the Home Activity Bags and Think Equal activities each week. Photos and videos can be uploaded onto Seesaw for the children to share how they have done with these tasks and activities.

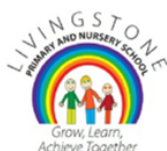
We also use Seesaw for you to share 'Wow' moments from home and we love to see what the children have been up to. The children also love to share their experiences and photos with their friends in class too.

Please bring book bags every day so that we can change books and children can bring home paintings and drawings etc.

On Friday, we have our Star of the Week assembly. The Star will receive a certificate to take home and a badge to wear in class all week (please return badges to school on a Friday)



Thank you for your continued support,  
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