

# Reception Newsletter



## Hello Friends

The children have been settling well into Reception and have been enjoying using and exploring the different areas within our classroom.

We will soon begin our topic called 'Hello Friends' where we will be learning all about ourselves and our new friends. We will be thinking about our own similarities and differences such as our likes and dislikes and our different families. Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing lots of texts linked to this theme such as 'Hello Friend' by Rebecca Cobb and 'We All Have Different Families' by Melissa Higgins. Much of our work will focus on activities based on the story 'The Friendship Bench' by Wendy Meddour.



## Phonics and Reading

We use 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)



## Home Learning

Home learning will vary between Think Equal activities, Homework bags and other activities that may be shared on Seesaw. You can upload photos and videos to Seesaw so that we can see how the children have responded to the tasks.

We are working on building our independence, you can help with this at home by practising getting dressed, changing shoes, using cutlery and opening packets for themselves.

## Reminders

Book Bags need to come to school every day.

Water bottles in school every day.

Read books 3 times a week.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Ms. Sellers and Ms. McCann.



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