

Reception Newsletter



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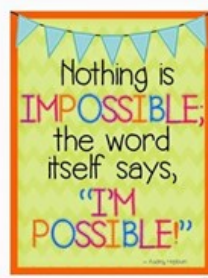
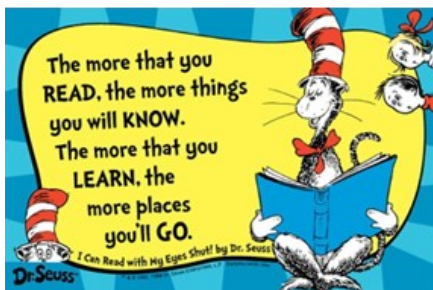
Our Topic this Half Term is 'Me and My Community'.

In the Me and My Community topic, your child will learn about the school community and building friendships. They will explore the school grounds and find out about the people in school who are there to help them. They will explore how they are special and unique and how everyone's family is different. They will take part in practical activities to support them to build new friendships and explore what makes a good friend. They will also find out about people in the community who help us, including doctors, nurses and the emergency services.

Supporting your child at home:

- Look at family photographs together and discuss who is part of your family and extended family.
- Look at baby photographs and talk about how they have grown up.
- Look at childhood photographs of parents and grandparents.
- Talk about the things you like to do together and places you like to go.

This half term in **Maths**, we will be learning:
What each number represents – 1 is one counter, 2 is two counters, etc.
Counting forwards and backwards to 10.
Number rhymes.
Recognising numbers to 10
Match a number to a small group of things.



Phonics

This half term we will be learning phase 2 sounds:

s a t p i n m d g o c k e u r h b f ff l ll ss

The children will be focusing on learning to read and write the Phase 2 tricky words:

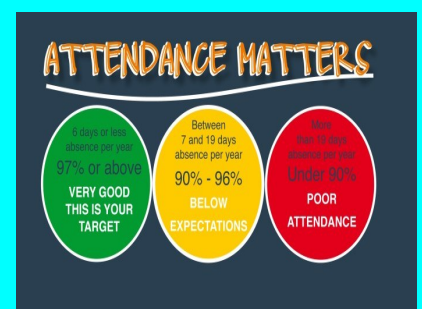
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Attendance:

Thank you to all the parents and carers that have ensured your child gets to school on time.

This is having a huge positive impact on your child's learning.

A reminder that the doors open at 8:40am and we start our Phonics lesson promptly at 9am.



Class Dojo



Please can we remind ALL parents and carers that communication about your child's learning, parents evening, homework, trips etc will be on Class Dojo. Please ensure you have the app downloaded on your mobile device. Did you know you can also message your child's class teacher personally should you have any concerns or questions regards your child's learning.

General Reminders:

Head lice:

Please check your child's hair for head lice every week and treat if necessary.

School uniform

Please ensure children are wearing the correct school uniform and shoes. Wellies and overalls for wet weather may be brought in a named bag which the children will hang on their pegs. All uniform MUST be labelled.

PE

Children can bring their PE kit into school in a named bag and left on their peg. We will have dedicated indoor PE sessions every Tuesday.

Book bags:

Children may bring a small rucksack that can be hung on their peg with spare clothes should they have an accident during the day. Toys are NOT allowed in their bags and will run the risk of being damaged or lost. Children are expected to bring a book bag (or plastic folder) with their reading book and reading diary every day. This will go in their tray in their classroom. Book bags can be purchased from the school office or:

[Village Primary Academy – Andrew Hyde \(ahyde.co.uk\)](http://ahyde.co.uk)



Reading:

Please read with your child every day and write their progress in their reading diary. Your child's book will be changed every Friday.

Water Bottles:

Please send your child with a named water bottle each day. The bottle must contain water only.

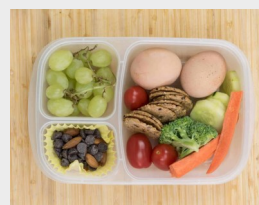
Snacks and packed lunches.

Please DO NOT send your child with a snack. The children have access to a healthy piece of fruit during the day.

As we are a healthy school, we encourage children to eat a healthy balanced diet.

Please DO NOT send children with anything that contains NUTS due to severe allergies in school. This includes Nutella.

Chocolate, fizzy drinks and sweets are not allowed in lunch boxes.



Useful Websites:

Top Marks is a great website for fun and interactive games around Maths and English. Here is a link to the website for simple counting activities:

[Learning to Count with these fun Counting Games \(topmarks.co.uk\)](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count-with-these-fun-counting-games)

Jolly Phonics has some great songs that the children sing in school to support them in learning their sounds:

[A-Z \(ALPHABETICAL ORDER\) JOLLY PHONICS SONGS WITH SOUNDS, ACTION AND VOCABULARY - Bing video](#)

Phonics Play has a great range of free resources for your child to access around learning their sounds. We use these games in school everyday. The children will need to access the Phase 2 games:

[PhonicsPlay - Parent Information](#)

Did you know?



Read these interesting facts about communities with a parent, carer or teacher.



A community is a group of people. We are all members of different communities including our family community, the school community and the local community.



In the local community there are lots of people who can help us. Including teachers, shop workers, doctors and the emergency services.



Friends from school and home can be part of your community.



Paramedics, police officers, firefighters and rescue teams work for the emergency services.



Every community has its own set of rules and ways to behave. It is important to follow the rules so that everyone can get along.



Families are all different sizes. Aunties, uncles, cousins and grandparents are family members.