



# Foundation Stage Autumn Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are absolutely delighted with the way all the children in Acorns and Conkers have settled in. We would like to thank you all for the support you have given us and your children during this time.

We would like to let you know about some of the topics that we will be focusing on this term. At the moment, we are thinking about **Ourselves**. As a whole school we have undertaken a topic on the painting, 'The Embarkation of the Queen of Sheba' and will be completing activities around this such as looking at boats. Following this we will be learning about **Harvest** and focusing on the story of '**The Little Red Hen**'. During this time we welcome all parents to our school Harvest Festival at 2:00pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October, where you will hear us singing some songs! We will then be reading and exploring a book called '**Pumpkin Soup**' by Helen Cooper.

After half term **Colour and Change** will be our next topic. We will be looking at firework sounds, the colours that they make in the sky and will then be investigating colour and what happens when we mix them. This will lead us on to discussing and finding out about famous artists, including Kandinsky, Matisse, Mondrian and Van Gogh. Leading up to Christmas we will focus on **Celebrations**.

During the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> November the whole school will be taking part in 'Remembrance Week'. The children will be involved in activities around this topic.

Reading and Phonics form an important part of the Foundation Stage Curriculum. We will be having lots of fun with letters and sounds. We introduce the sounds in the following order;

m, a, s, d, t, i, n, p, g, o, c, k, u, b, f, e, l, h, sh, r, j, v, y,  
w, th, z, ch, qu, x, ng, nk

During the week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> September your child will bring home their first reading book. This will be a wordless book to give your child the opportunity to discuss the pictures and story, as well as make predictions about what might happen next. The books will come home with the yellow Reading Record book. Please sign and date against the name of the book each time you read, adding a comment if you wish.

Each **Friday**, both classes will visit the school library where children will be able to choose a book to take home. Please ensure your child brings the book back to school every Thursday, in order to take out a new one.

P.E. lessons will take place each week. Both classes will be doing P.E. on a Tuesday. Please make sure your child has their fully named PE kit in school by 24<sup>th</sup> September.

The children will also be beginning their Forest School journey in October. We will send more information regarding this nearer the time.

Children are being sensible with their water bottles but please do not put them in their book bags as water can damage their books and important letters.

Your children are all looking forward to eating their lunch at school. As we are a Healthy School, sweets and chocolates are not allowed in lunchboxes. Our school operates a **no nut** policy for the safety of children and staff with nut allergies. If your child has a packed lunch please ensure there are **no nuts or nut based products** in their bag/box. As mentioned on the home visits, if your child is having school dinners, please go through the choices with your child each morning.

Finally, a reminder that on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September** you are warmly invited to attend a Reading and Phonics Workshop in school at either 6pm. This session will last for approximately 30 minutes. There is also a coffee morning for new parents after morning drop off on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September which Mrs Allis has invited you to.

If you ever have any concerns or questions about what is going on in school please do come and speak to a member of the team.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Miran, Mrs Critten and Mrs Horton  
Mrs Hancock and Mrs Sliwka

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