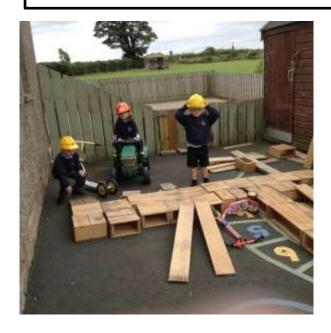
Learning Journal 9.9.16

This week....we have made an amazing start to school. Everyone has come with a smile and had a lovely time joining in with all our play. Your children showed their fantastic engineering skills working outside to build ramps for the tractors and scooters. We used a lot of maths to get the wheels the right width apart for different vehicles. We also had to pedal and push hard to get up the ramps, building up good muscles for writing and playing. We carried on building to make a house and some children have used the tools to fix every piece of furniture in the classroom. We have used our hand and finger muscles to thread pipe cleaners to make some exciting creatures and exploring our classroom has been great fun. We welcomed Tyler into Reception and enjoyed showing him around and have done some sounds and some counting to see how much we can remember from last year.







Help at Home......we know that your children will be very tired at the end of school. Please make sure they have early nights and do not do too many after school activities if they are struggling. A regular after school routine can really help them feel secure and happy in the early days of school. Only do learning activities at home if they are willing and not too tired.

We are looking at initial sounds so games like I Spy are brilliant to develop their sound work. Any counting activities which involve an action such as counting each step on the way to bed and going backwards on the way down, or counting out the cutlery for tea is brilliant to get them counting 1:1.

As always those story times are vital. Children should read at least 5 stories a day for good language development. We try to fit two or three into school, so the rest is up to you.

Next Week.....we welcome our new nursery children into school. PE starts on Tuesday when the children will be doing cricket skills. Please make sure they have shorts, T-shirt and outdoor shoes or trainers in a bag on their peg. As the weather gets colder they will need tracksuit bottoms and a warm jumper to go with this. School PE kit can be purchased on line. *Please* name everything in your child's PE bag.