

Blog 20.9.19

A huge well done to all our children and their families for coming into school so smart and well prepared for learning. It has been a great start to the term and your children have settled quickly and enjoyed seeing their friends and exploring the classroom and outdoors. We welcomed 4 new children into our class and have enjoyed getting to know them and helping them settle in. They have been fantastic and joined in really well.

Literacy: We have shared lots of stories and Reception children have the opportunity to borrow a library book every week. Our nursery children have their story sacks and these are all changed on a Tuesday by Brenda. If your child doesn't come just hand the book/story sack into the classroom when they are in and we will make sure it gets back to the library.

All the children have been doing lots of mark making in their play and Reception have been doing handwriting practice as part of their phonics lesson every day. We are learning the rhymes that help us to form the letters, so please use these at home as well if your child is writing. As always children have free access to writing, drawing and reading materials at all times, both indoors and outside and we encourage all kinds of mark making.



Mathematics: Lots of counting and reading numbers this week, and we are delighted that so many children know their numbers to 10 and can use them. We are working hard with these smaller numbers to make sure we can recognise, count, add and subtract them. This is more important than being able to use higher numbers, especially knowing how numbers are made by adding smaller numbers, and seeing patterns in number. Accurate counting skills are also vital for maths in the future and we are working hard to count systematically and carefully.



### Help at Home:

Please value your child's library book or story sack, even if you have read it hundreds of times! We want children to get excited about reading and you are their model for this. Let them see you read and enjoy books, and other reading material and share what you read with them. 5 stories a day are still recommended for your children, so please try to read at least 2 or 3 at home to supplement our reading in school.

If you are counting objects with your child encourage them to line things up and touch each one when they say a number, or to move them from one place to another as they count to increase their accuracy.





Other News..... we have had lots of outdoor fun in the sunshine and we had a fabulous vegetable harvest this week from our raised beds. Please enjoy some of the things we grew at home for dinner.



Blackberry picking and blackberry crumble.....yum!



Harvest





Next Week..... we will be holding our fantastic toddler group again on Tuesday from 1.15pm until 2.45pm. Just come through the wooden gate at the side of school and straight into the hall and please bring friends along with you. Thank you to everyone who supported us last week. It was lovely to see you all.

Please send your child with a coat and a jumper every day as the weather gets cooler. We do not do indoor playtime!

Library books and story sacks come back on a Tuesday please.

