



Welcome to Year R

Thank you for your support in helping the children settle into their first term at school. We are proud of how independent and enthusiastic they have become already and are looking forward to an exciting year together.

Dates for your Diary

Tues 23rd Sept- Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit every Tuesday and Thursday from this date.

Thursday 9th Oct at 9:00
Phonics workshop for parents

Mon 20th Oct at 14:40
Sponsored Songs and Nursery Rhymes Event (Please see letter)

Fri 24th Oct - INSET day

Mon 17th Nov
Phase 2 Phonics Celebration
(dress-up day- more information to follow)

Tues 9th Dec - Ladybird Nativity
Wed 10th Dec - Caterpillar Nativity
Thurs 11th Dec - Bumblebee Nativity
All performances will start at approx. 9:30.



All Tapestry accounts should now be activated. We hope you are enjoying finding out what the children are learning in class each week. We have loved seeing your comments and posts so far!

What are we learning this term?

This half term our main aim is to continue to get to know your children and help them to settle at school. We will be following the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum and continue to adapt our environment according to the interests of the children.

We have been working on Phase One Phonics skills. The children have been taking part in games to help develop their listening skills and distinguish the different sounds and rhythms.

Soon, we will begin to learn our letter sounds and start to read and write simple words. Keep a look out on Tapestry as we will post our new sounds weekly so you can practise them at home too. It is important to practise the sounds daily using the sound cards that we will send home in your child's book bag.

In Maths, we will begin developing our number knowledge to 5 by introducing a 'Number of the Week'. The children will develop an important skill of 'subitising'. This is where children say how many there are in a small group of objects without needing to count them.

We will also have a big focus on developing our gross and fine motor skills - big and small movements that we make with our arms, hands and fingers. We will be providing lots of opportunities to use 'pinchy' fingers, develop a good writing grip and make marks in a variety of ways. We have already started to introduce the characters from our handwriting scheme 'Kinetic Letters' who help us to develop good core strength for early writing.

Reminders

- In Year R our school day starts at 8:45am and finishes at 3:10pm.
- Please label ALL belongings (shoes included) - check and refresh regularly. All school shoes look the same unfortunately.
- Warm, waterproof coat every day (not in book bags) - we will spend time outside whatever the weather.
- Book bags and books in school daily - we change reading books once a week.
- Please do not put water bottles in bookbags as they can spill and ruin books.
- Please continue to encourage independence putting coats on and fastening them.

