



## Star Class News

The adults working in Star Class this half term are:

Mrs Simmons, Miss Key, Mrs Askew, Miss Waller and Mrs Roberts.

We are really looking forward to working with your children this year. We have had a great first couple of days and the children have begun to settle really well. The first few weeks of term will be a settling in period for the class where we will be supporting the children in learning the routines of the day and layout of the classroom. We will also spend time observing the children to help us plan for their needs and interests.

This half term we will be learning about Autumn, Ourselves and our family, Harvest Festival and following children's interests. There is a copy of what we will be learning on the class page.

## Information Evening

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm we will be holding a Phonics and Maths information session which will let you know how we teach these subjects in class and offer suggestions for how you can help your child at home. It would be lovely to see you there. The session will take place in the Reception Classroom.

## Reception Baseline

We will be starting to spend some time with the children to complete the baseline assessment. Please see the information sheet for more information. Please be assured that the children do not know they are being assessed and will only be working with myself for short periods of time.

### Reading:

- Next week we will allow the children to choose a new book to bring home to share with you. When they are ready we will start to send home reading books. At first, your child might bring home a book with no words. These are to help your child to tell a story.
- Books will be changed weekly depending on team colour. We will be using Tapestry as an online reading diary this year.

- It is really important to read with your child for about 10 minutes each day.
- When your child moves onto reading books it is important that they read them more than once over the week as this helps to consolidate their learning from school and increase fluency and confidence.

### Book Changing Days:

Monday- Red and Green teams.

Tuesday- Yellow and Blue teams.

### Phonics:

- From Monday 16<sup>th</sup> of September we are going to begin to learn some sounds from Phase 2. We will aim to learn 4 sounds each week and consolidate on a Friday.
- Each time there is a new sound we will attach an information sheet to Tapestry.

### Tapestry:

- Your child's journey through Reception involves team work. Please send observations of things that your child gets up to it is lovely to see and can help to inform their profile.

Please can you make sure that drinks bottles do not go into book bags as they always leak.

Please can you make sure your child has a coat in school every day as we are outside whatever the weather.

If you have any questions or worries please feel free to come and talk to me, drop me an e mail or message me on Tapestry.

Many thanks

Mrs Simmons