



Reception Weekly Newsletter

Term: Autumn Term 1

Week: 1

Week beginning: 25.09.2020

Religious Education

Domestic Church - Family - Myself.

This week we have continued with our 'Come and See' topic of 'Myself' We introduced the term 'precious', talked about how special we are and what makes us precious to God. We discussed how God loves us all the same even though we are different to each other. We also shared with the class the stories of our names. It was lovely reading about how you decided upon the chosen names for your children and the many reasons why these are so significant. Next week we will link our learning to our Literacy and will spend time reflecting on what we have learnt so far!

Communication & Language and Literacy

Next week we will find out some more about ourselves and how we are all different by beginning our Literacy work. (See Home learning). We will look at a book by Todd Parr called **Its ok to be different** which celebrates our individuality and how we are all unique!

Phonics

We will also begin our phonics sessions and spend some time listening out for sounds in the environment and playing 'I Spy' and other games to develop our aural blending and segmenting skills and listening out for initial sounds.

Home Learning

We are going to introduce next week's Literacy topic by looking at photographs of ourselves when we were babies and discuss how we have changed and what we can do now that we couldn't do when we were younger.

Can you please send in a photo of your child and discuss this with them in advance so they can talk about it to their classmates.

Online Learning

Google Classroom - This is our whole school portal for providing work for the children in the event of them being absent from school due to having Covid-19 symptoms or if self-isolating whilst waiting for a test / test results. A ParentApp message and email was sent out on Tuesday 22nd September providing information on how to gain access to Google Classroom. Please activate this account as soon as possible in order to access learning activities should your child need to be off school.

Evidence me - This is an online portal exclusive to Reception families. This allows us to keep you updated with snapshots of your child's learning and the play and activities that they are doing in school. (See attached letter). As the children are learning, we can capture photographs and videos and link this to the stages in their development. and it is a really useful tool as it allows you as your child's primary educators and caregivers to send in to us your observations from home too. You should have received an email this week asking you to click on a link. Please check your junk/spam folders for this. If you haven't received this, please do let us know. Once you have accepted the link, this allows the portal to be open and is ready for us to send you your child's learning stories. Generally, we send these out each half term but you may also receive these at other points. The email address we have used is of the parent who made the initial school application. if you have an additional address that you would like us to add so that both parents receive updates, please let us know.

Home time collection

A reminder that Reception children can now be dropped off at 8.30 in line with the rest of the school. The door/gates will close at 8.55 giving you an extended time slot in order to allow for staggered drop offs. Thank you for your understanding and patience with our collection routines. We appreciate that this is taking slightly longer to dismiss all of the children due having sibling groups and also as we are still getting used to the new parents and also grandparents and other family members who may collect.

You should have received a Parent App message today informing you that from Monday 28th September, Reception will now finish at 2.55 and will leave from the main children's entrance with their siblings. Please can we ask that when you see that your child is ready to leave their class teacher, please step forward to make yourself seen or to collect them as you walk in the flow of traffic to go out of the pedestrian gate. This will enable us to handover the children rather than letting them make their way over to you as it is extremely busy and our main priority is the safety of the children. Please also remember to socially distance yourselves from other parents where possible.

Thank you

Reminders

As we have had some wet weather you may want to now send in your child's wellies and waterproof suit to be left in school. Can you also send in some spare socks / underwear to keep in children's books bags in case of accidents / wet feet as even though children were fully dressed for our wet weather/water play yesterday, they still managed to get a little wet due to water travelling up sleeves, splashing in puddles or changing from shoes to wellies and vice versa.

If we have given any from school, please can you return to ensure we always have extra spares if needed. Currently we have no spare socks in school.

We still have lots of items of clothing that are being left behind because it is unnamed. Children can become distressed if they/we cannot find their clothes/book bags/water bottles and as you can appreciate it is very difficult for us when we have 30 identical items. Please help us to help you and your child by labelling ALL belongings. A small key ring on coats and book bags are really useful so children can identify their own.

The end of the day is a very busy time and we do reunite children with belongings that have been left such as caps, coats and water bottles. However, for Reception children sometimes this is still a lot to remember and carry and they are sometimes left behind. Due to current circumstances and safeguarding purposes, it is not possible for children to go back inside for their belongings and the adults need to remain with the children to be collected. If you are prepared to wait until all other children have gone, our staff will be able to retrieve the forgotten items but otherwise they will have to be collected the following day. In the event of water bottles left behind, EYFs staff will wash these out and refill with fresh water the following morning, ready for the day ahead.

Thank you for your support.

Snack - WB: 28.09.20

Monday - Cereal
Tuesday - Yoghurt
Wednesday – Ham wraps
Thursday – Breadsticks and dip
Friday – Sweet treat