



Reception Weekly Newsletter

Term: Autumn Term 1

Week: 5

Week beginning: 02.10.2020

Religious Education

Domestic Church - Family - Myself

This week we finished our topic about ourselves and took time to reflect upon all we have learnt so far. We participated in a short collective worship in which we remembered all about why our names are special and how much we are loved by God.

Next week we will begin a new topic 'Welcome' which focuses on Baptism

Communication & Language and Literacy

We enjoyed reading the book '**Its ok to be different**' and liked sharing with our friends all the different things that we like and what we have in common. For the remaining weeks of the term we are going to be sharing traditional tales with the children. We will re-telling the stories and talking about the characters and next week will begin with the story of 'The Gingerbread Man.'

Home Learning

For our home learning task this weekend, we have sent home a copy of your child's name on a laminated strip. This is a copy for you to keep at home and encourage your child to use as a model. We have also sent a sheet for you to practise on. In Reception, we teach pre-cursive handwriting which seems really difficult for the children as they are first starting to learn but eventually pays dividends as they move through the school. You will hear them talk about the whooshes and the flicks that they will use to lead in and out of each letter. Do not worry if this is hard at first, just encourage your child to have a little try.

PE

This week the children have enjoyed playing various games in PE, focusing on skills such as turn taking, following instructions and following rules. They have been fantastic and we are very impressed!

Snack - WB: 05.10.20

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

Online Learning

Google Classroom - Although you have been invited to join the Google classroom and you should have set this up with your child's email address, there is no need for you to access the work provided on this for your children unless they are self-isolating. The lessons provided on here from the Oak Academy will be of the same genre that the children would have been learning if they were here in school.

Links to the daily phonics lessons will also be posted from the Letters and Sounds YouTube channel, inline in line with where they are up to in the programme in class.

Home time collection

We are currently in the process of revising our safeguarding systems for end of day collection routines. Thank you to those who have emailed with written confirmation of people collecting or any changes this week. In order to ensure your child's safety and welfare and allowing us to become familiar with the different adults who may collect your child, can we ask that you complete the attached sheet for an average week at school. This will allow us to build up a picture of collection routines.

We do understand that particularly in these times, the working week is busy and that sometimes there will be changes or that unexpected events may crop up. Should this be the case, an email or phone call to the school office will be useful. Similarly, if you are ever running late or stuck in traffic etc. always give the school office a ring, just to let us know in order for us to reassure your child and save them from any distress.

Phonics, Maths and Literacy

To help the children transition successfully we have not yet begun any formal teaching of phonics or maths. We have started Literacy but incorporated it into our Come and See and getting to know each other. We have used the time to support the children in settling into school routines. We have used resources within our continuous provision to enhance your child's learning.

We have been informally assessing the children and we will use this information to inform future planning and activities allowing us to get a whole picture of the children's capabilities and celebrate their successes in their learning.