Parent Information Letter. Week beginning 18/09/17

Parent Notice Board

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL ☺

This will be the first week of full-time school for your child with the whole of their class. They have all settled in very well. If you have any concerns please speak to a member of reception staff. Please remember to empty your child's folder each day. The work we send home is for you to keep. Any work you send in that you have done at home will be kept in school.

Don't forget to make sure your child brings a warm coat when it is cold and that they can put it on and fasten it by themselves. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Please remember not to allow your children to play on the outdoor equipment before or after school.

Thank you for all of your support so far ☺

Topic

Our topics this term will be 'In the Woods'. Our roleplay area is set up as 'The Cottage of the Three Bears'. We will be reading this story amongst other bear and woodland stories this half term. This week we will be painting self-portraits and talking about ourselves.

Numeracy

We are working on counting, recognising and ordering numbers to 10 and beyond. Please focus on 1-10 this week.

Circle Time

This half term our topic is 'New Beginnings'. We will be working in our key worker groups to learn the names of the other children and talk about how we feel about starting school.

Phonemes/ Sounds

New sounds (phonemes)-s, a, t, p.

Each day we will learn about a new sound (phoneme) in class. We will learn what the phoneme looks like when it is written down and the sound that it makes. We use a rhyme (see 'rhymes for letter formation' sheet) to help them remember how to form the letter properly.

We will send sheets home each week, prior to us teaching the sounds in class for you to keep and practise.
Your child needs to know the phoneme (sound) and also needs to be able to write each sound.

Foundation Stage Staff

Miss Wynd (RW Class teacher and Foundation Stage leader)
Mrs Elders (RBE Class teacher Mon-Wed)
Mrs Bowman (RBE Class teacher Wed-Fri)
Miss Taylor (RW Teaching Assistant)
Mrs Neugebauer (RBE Teaching Assistant and Nursery Nurse)

Books

Children with conversation books (books without any words) will get their books on Fridays and return them on Mondays.

Children who are on books with words will take home two books a week. The first book will be sent out on Monday, please return on Wednesday. The second book will go out on Friday please return it on Monday. Children are given these books once they are secure with a variety of sounds (phonics).

Dates for your diary

* **Phonics evening** - Wednesday 4th October (5.30pm). This is a great opportunity to come and listen to how we teach the children the phonemes (sounds) that they will be learning in Reception. We will be explaining some of the phonics terminology and will be demonstrating the actions that link to each sound. We will also be briefly explaining other elements to the Early Years curriculum.
* **Yorkshire Evening Post Class photo** – Please ensure all media forms are signed and returned.
* **Harvest assembly** - Friday 29th September at 9.10am. You are invited to join us for our Key Stage 1 and Reception Harvest Festival in the school hall.
* **Stay and play –** Friday 13th October 9am – 10am. You are invited to come and play for an hour on Friday morning with your child at school.
* **PE day –** PE will be on Wednesday afternoons.
* **Parents' Evening** – Wednesday, 18th October and Thursday, 19th October (times to be confirmed) .