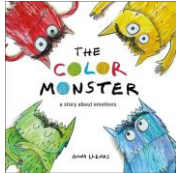




Welcome to the Reception newsletter

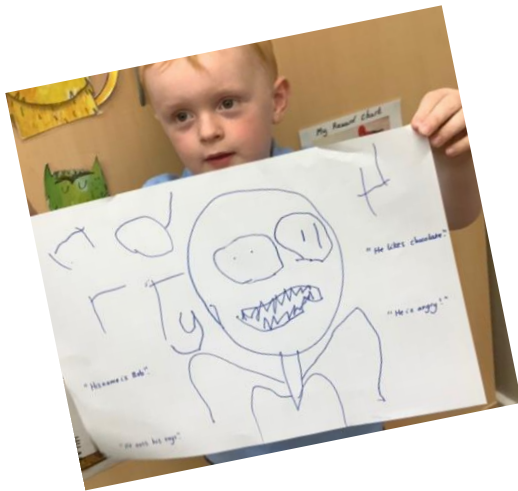


13th October 2023



What's been happening in Owls and Foxes classes...

We read the book **Colour Monster**, which explores feelings and emotions. We talked about how we feel and what colours that reminded us of. We made pictures of the colour monsters and even thought of our own. As we enjoyed the theme of monsters we carried this on and we loved hearing the story **We're Going on a Monster Hunt**, which reminded us of We're going on a Bear hunt. We then made up our hunts and made maps of where we would go searching. The children's imagination has been sparked and the staff have been impressed by their drawings, creations and ideas.



We have begun Phase 2 phonics now, which helps children recognise letters, know the sounds they make and write them correctly. We also play games to support early reading, which include blending some sounds together to make simple words. We have looked at s and a, and next week we will look at the letters t, p, i, n. Next week we will send you a link to allow your child to play the online games at home too, using the Phonics Bug scheme we use at school. In the meantime, here is a parent's guide to phonics, if this is new to you.

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/activities/practising-phonics-at-home/>

Wellies

Thank you so much for sending wellies into school. However some children are still without them and as our outside area is now wet and muddy in places, we cannot allow those children full access to outside. We have also had some mixed up shoes this week, so could we please ask that your child's shoes are named. They are all very similar looking to young children!

PE

After half term we will begin PE lessons in school. Fox class will have PE on Tuesday and Owl class will have PE on Thursday. On these days please send your child into school in their PE kit, rather than normal school uniform. Please do not send a PE kit in a bag as we do not change in school. PE clothes should be blue or black with a white t-shirt. We would suggest tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt or hoody, as the weather is getting cooler. Any trainers or plimsolls will be fine. As usual please name ALL PE clothes, as staff and children find it difficult to know which hoody belongs to which child!



Nativity

As usual the Reception classes will be performing The Nativity before Christmas. There will be two performances on Wednesday 13th December at 2.30pm and Thursday 14th December at 9.30am. More details to follow, nearer the time.

Parents evenings

There will be two parents evenings after half term. They will take place on Thursday 9th November and Tuesday 14th November. You will receive details of how to book an appointment after half term.

Please feel free to come and talk to us if you have any questions, or send us an email.

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We hope you have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing you all next week.

Best wishes,

Mrs Buddle, Mrs Kirby, Mrs Staines and Mrs Jeal