

Amazing Me


Who am I?

Reception Newsletter Term 1 2022

Dear Parents,

Firstly, we would like to say how impressed we have been with the children since they have started with us. They have all settled into school life amazingly!

Our topic for this first term is 'Amazing Me'. We will be reading a range of texts such as Farmer Duck, Little Red Hen and Rosie's Walk. We will be exploring who we are as people and our place in the world. We will think about our family, who we live with and where we live. We will also be learning about our immediate environment, embarking on a tour of our new school and the grounds. Alongside this, we will be working on counting, number recognition, and recognising amounts. We will also be developing our foundation understanding of letters and sounds. We will be hosting a parent workshop on phonics shortly, please keep an eye out for our phonics letter.

Reading	<p><u>Please read with your child regularly.</u> At this stage it is really helpful to encourage the children to use the pictures to tell stories.</p> <p>We change the children's home reading book weekly usually on a Monday or a Friday. Having the same book for a longer period of time allows children to become more fluent and confident readers. We will put some top tips for reading into your child's reading record.</p> <p>Their books and book bags will be needed in school every day for 1:1 or group reading. You may like to add a positive or helpful comment in the reading diary but please acknowledge that the book has been read by signing and dating in the comments section. More information about our reading strategies will be shared at the meeting.</p>
Little Wandle Letters & Sounds	<p>The children will bring home the sounds they have been working on in the week. The children can practice these sounds by writing them, finding words that start with them and cutting pictures out of catalogues.</p> <p>It would be really useful to support the children in identifying these sounds when reading with them.</p>
Maths	<p>We will be using CBeebies Number Blocks to help with our teaching of number. We will be starting with '1' and then taking a different number every week to understand the value and embed foundations. Other maths activities will be taking place at the same time. This is part of the recommendations from the Maths Mastery approach.</p> 

Quick Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a named **water bottle** and their **book bag** each day.
- Can the children please always bring a **coat** particularly as the British weather is unpredictable.
- Our regular PE days are Wednesday and Thursday but **PE kits should be in school all week.** We will send these home at the end of term or if they need a wash.

Home Learning

We encourage children to continue their learning at home which will enhance their progress at school.

Phonics - If you are supporting you child with their phonics at home please visit

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ksblMiliA8> to ensure you are teaching the pronunciation of the sounds in the same way.

Useful websites

www.phonicsplay.co.uk - Phase 2 - phonics games and activities.

www.topmarks.co.uk - Early Years maths and phonics games.

[.https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks](https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks) - number blocks clips

We hope you all have a lovely first term supporting the children in their learning and please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Whythe, Miss Hillier and Mrs Cousens

