



Dear Parents, welcome to The Woodland!



Our topic for this first term is 'Here I am!' We will be reading a range of texts such as *All Are Welcome*, *The Boy with Flowers in His Hair* and *What Makes Me A Me*. 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, and navigating this new adventure! Alongside this in Reception, we will be working on counting, number recognition, and comparison. We will also be developing our foundation understanding of letters and sounds. We will be using the phonics programme *Little Wandle*.

Reading	In a few weeks, if your child is in reception, they will bring home a <i>Little Wandle</i> text which will remain the same all week. Please do share this book with your child as often as you can as this will give your child confidence and develop their fluency. It is essential that books are brought into school every day as these will be used during our reading sessions. Initially, the books that you will share will not have any words in them. At this stage it is really helpful to encourage the children to use the pictures to tell stories or to spot initial sounds. Please use the Boom Reader login we will provide to acknowledge the book has been read. You may also leave a comment if you wish. In <i>Rabbits (Pre-school)</i> , we will be sharing stories together and working on our listening and understanding skills.
Maths	We will be using the maths mastery approach, alongside <i>White Rose Maths</i> to help with our teaching of number and numerical pattern. We will also use <i>Cbeebies Numberblocks</i> . In Reception, children will participate in direct teaching inputs, and will have opportunities within their play and independent learning to put new techniques into practice!

Helpful reminders:

- Please make sure your child brings in a named water bottle and their book bag each day.
- Please always bring a named coat particularly as the weather is unpredictable in the autumn!
- Our PE days are Thursday and Friday. Please ensure your child has their **named** PE kit in school with them each day. They can be taken home at the end of each term for a wash. We will be practicing the important skill of dressing and undressing so this is essential.
- Should you have any queries about sessions (Rabbits), please email either easthoathlyoffice@pioneerfederation.co.uk or ehnurseries@pioneerfederation.co.uk.

Forest School

Children will take part in one session per term and the dates for these will be put in each of the school newsletters. For forest school sessions we advise that the children have the following in a named bag:

- A pair of wellington boots (These can be kept at school all year round)
- A pair of leggings or trousers
- A long sleeved top
- A jumper/ fleece
- A pair of socks
- A waterproof jacket/ coat
- Waterproof trousers or overalls (if you have them)
- Hat, scarf, gloves for the winter months
- Hat and sun cream for summer months

Home learning:

If you wish to support your child with their learning at home, here are a few useful links which may help.

<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/> - Little Wandle phonics pronunciation. This will ensure you are teaching your children how to say their sounds the correct way. This is essential to ensure their learning goes as smoothly as possible!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks?seriesId=b08bzfnh-structural-1-b08bzq8q> - Numberblocks videos. Series one and two of the number blocks will support your child with consolidation of the skills and lessons being taught in class. Please use these as a learning tool to base conversations with your child around to help deepen their understanding.

It was lovely to meet you all in the home visits!

Miss Thornton.