Reception News

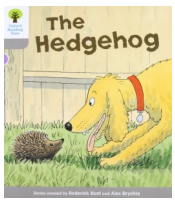
September 2020

Hello! We hope you have had a lovely summer break and you are all ready for the fun and exciting year ahead we have planned at Westways! This is the first edition of our half-termly Reception newsletter, which we hope will keep you informed about the learning taking place in school.

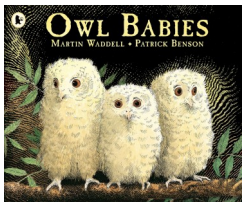
The staff in Reception this year are: Miss Gunny and Miss Kennedy in Ladybirds; Miss Sczesniok and Mrs Underwood in Bees; and Miss Allsop and Ally in Dragonflies.

English

We will be introducing our Read Write Inc. programme after the first few weeks of being in school. We will begin by learning a sound a day and introducing the children to Fred Frog, who helps us read! As the first half-term progresses, we will begin to work at CVC words (e.g. cat, c-a-t; sat s-a-t; mat, m-a-t-).



We will be using two focus texts this half-term: 'The Hedgehog' by Roderick Hunt and 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. From these stories we will be focusing on children's communication and listen skills, as well as introducing mark making for a purpose (e.g. drawing and labelling characters and settings).



What is it like starting school?

For the first half-term, we will be looking at the children's families and what makes them special. We will be talking about their favourite activities and toys, as well as what they did over the summer.

We will also be exploring our school by introducing the children to different members of staff who they will come across during their year in Reception. They will safely meet our office staff, members of our school's leadership team, our cook Carl and many others!

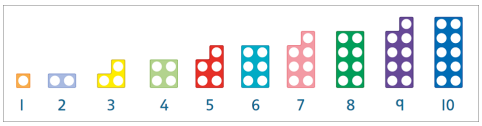
Treasure Boxes

Over the summer holidays, we asked if you would like to make a treasure box from an old shoe box or cereal box and decorate it, putting in 5 things that are special to your child. The boxes could contains a family photograph, a favourite toy or even shells from the beach!

Due to Coronavirus and following Government guidelines, we will inform you when we are able to accept their boxes in the classroom to share with the other children. We will then try and return the boxes within a couple of days as we know they might contain many precious things!

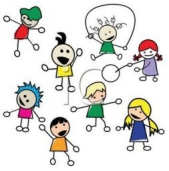
Maths

We begin the year by focusing on recognisng numbers to 10 and 20. We will be looking at place value to 20, developing accurate number formation and counting forwards and backwards from both 10 and 20.



We will also be looking at visual representations of the number order, and the quantity of each number through the introduction of Numicon.

PE



The children's PE lessons this half term will continue to develop core skills and strength, following our real PE programme. PE days for Reception are as follows:

Ladybirds: Monday & Friday

Dragonflies: Tuesday & Thursday

Bees: Monday & Wednesday

We ask that you do not bring in any P.E kits, but ensure your child comes to school with trainers or plimsolls on their PE days.

Contact Details

Your child's teacher can be contacted by email through enquiries@westways.sheffield.sch.uk if you have anything you wish to discuss with them. Alternatively you can contact them via the 'Contact Us' section of the website.