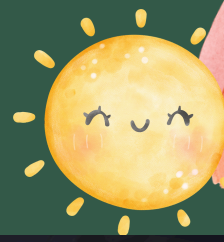


Sunshine & Rainbow NEWSLETTER



9th
October
2025

REMINDER - WELCOME ASSEMBLY

You are invited to join us for a special Early Years Welcome Assembly on Tuesday 13th October at 9.10am.

During the assembly, the children will all receive a special heart badge, which they can wear on their school uniform, to remind them how loved they are (in line with our school mission statement). The assembly will last approximately 30 - 45 minutes.

During the assembly, the children will perform the song, 'I am Special': [CLICK HERE](#) 

If you have any time to practise at home, we would really appreciate it!

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Tuesday 20th October

We appreciate fully that times are difficult for many and therefore there is no pressure for donations. However, if you are in the position to donate, we would be grateful for any of the following items: tins of food or non-perishable items. Tins of meat/fish/beans/soup/pasta/vegetables/baby food or dried goods like rice/pasta would be gratefully received.

The food donated will be parcelled up by The Salvation Army and distributed amongst those who need it in the community. It would be fantastic to receive as many items as possible.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 13th October - Individual Photographs and Welcome Assembly
The children should come into school wearing full school uniform.

Friday 16th October - 'Give Racism the Red Card' Mufti Day
The children should come to school wearing non-school uniform including something red.

Friday 16th October 2:15pm - 2:45pm - EYFS disco - This is organised by the PFA, during school hours and reception staff will accompany the children.

Tuesday 20th October - Harvest Festival

Tuesday 17th November - 3.30pm - 6.30pm and Wednesday 18th November 3.30pm - 6pm
- Parents Evening (more information to follow)

Tuesday 8th December - EYFS Nativity 10am (more information to follow)



HOME LEARNING - PHONICS BOOKS AND BLACK BUSY BEE FOLDERS

PHONICS BOOKS

Now that we have learnt the first 6 sounds, next week, your child will take home a phonics book. This is a book for the children to practise segmenting and blending to read words. The book they will take home will include the sounds that we have learnt so far in phonics.

Please help your child to practise sounding out and blending to read and record this in their reading diary. We do not expect children to be reading fluently and we would advise to just read a couple of pages every evening.



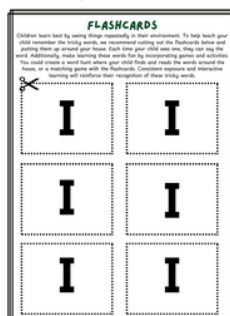
If you would like any help supporting your child with practising the sounds and blending, here are some useful videos:

[CLICK HERE](#)

BUSY BEE FOLDERS

In addition to the handwriting practice of the sounds we are learning each week, the children will now receive a 'tricky' word each week in their black busy bee folder.

There will be two worksheets for the one word - one for the children to practise writing the tricky word and another with 'flashcards' of the tricky word which can be cut out at home and put around your home or used in different ways to help your child learn the word. Tricky words (common exception words) are words that we cannot decode phonetically and therefore are learnt by sight. As your child begins to blend sounds and read, it is essential for them to know these common exception words to be able to read phrases and sentences. Children will move through the words at their own pace.



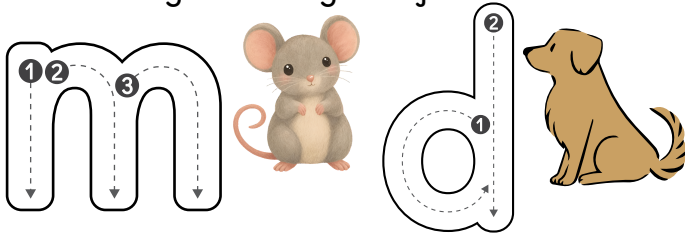
Next week, we will be learning...

LITERACY

In Phonics, we will be learning the sounds:

- 'm' as in mouse
- 'd' as in dog

Please do spend some time looking at these in your busy bee folder.



MATHS

Next week, the children will be:

- Counting to 10
- Counting objects to 10
- Recognising numerals to 10
- Subitising to 5



PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

This October, we'll be celebrating Black History Month and learning about amazing artists from many different cultures. Each week, the children will explore a new artist and enjoy their beautiful artwork.

We'll read stories, talk about their pictures, and create our own art too! It's a special time to celebrate everyone and remind ourselves how unique, special and loved we all are.

RE

Creation and Covenant

I know that we are all invited to be part of God's family.

If your child has been Baptised, please email a photo to your child's class teacher.



UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

Next week, we will be:

- learning about the season of Autumn
- doing an Autumn hunt around the school grounds
- learning about Harvest festival and discussing what we are thankful for
- creating our own scarecrow hats
- designing our own Christmas cards

Have a lovely weekend!