



Friday 16th September

With Miss Smith, Ms Pascoe and Mrs Bendall

The children have had a very busy week and they all looked fantastic in their costumes on Roald Dahl dress up day. We have started the week by counting up to 20 and using 'Muddles' the puppet to help us to recognise numbers. The children have also thoroughly enjoyed baking with Mrs Dallas and counting the cookies, they were delicious! We have also begun reading the story of 'We're going on a bear hunt' and acting out the story. This week the children were all very excited to receive their book bags and reading books as well as their first phonics and maths homework activities. Well done to Harvey Blease and Harriet Taylor for gaining their first behaviour award of the year.

Next Week

The children will be continuing to read the story of 'We're going on a bear hunt', writing the story and changing the characters. In maths we will be ordering numbers up to 20 and writing numbers. Home activity books will be sent home on a Friday and we would like them in by the following Wednesday.

On Wednesday 21st September at 2:30pm we are inviting all Reception parents in to the classroom for an Afternoon Tea. This will be an opportunity for you to come in and meet the staff and find out about the school day over a cup of tea and slice of cake. You should have received your invitation yesterday, please return the slip to us as soon as possible.

With Mrs Bendall

We have been focussing on listening skills this week, following the instructions in action songs, describing the sounds that we hear and listening very carefully to distinguish between sounds made by different shakers. The children have loved using the cd player to choose their own songs to dance to and following the beat on the musical instruments. We have also explored paint, using sponges, toothbrushes and stickle-bricks, amongst other things, to make marks and made our very own, very sticky version of play-dough!

Notices

- The children's own home toys are very special to them so we would like to ask that they are not brought into school.
- Please only send in water with your children in a named water bottle, there should not be juice or squash in their bottles. The children have access to water throughout the day in the snack bar.
- PE kits are needed on Thursday's. They can be brought into school and remain at school until half term when they will be sent home to be washed.

- Forest School: Ash class (Ms Pascoe) – Wednesday afternoon
Beech class (Miss Smith) – Friday afternoon

On your child's forest school day Mrs May will see the children out of the nursery gate, the other class will leave through the Reception gate as normal.

Children will need to wear their school uniform to school and bring their forest school kit in a bag, we will change the children before lunch. The children will leave school in their forest school kit and take their uniform home in their bag.

Forest School Kit- long sleeve top (layers in colder weather), trousers, waterproofs and wellington boots.

Important Dates

21st September- Reception Afternoon Tea

11th and 13th October- Parents evening

20th October- Reading breakfast and Open morning

21st October- Break up for half term

31st October- Return to school

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us,

From all of the **Early Years Team**