



Year R Learning Letter

Friday 27th September 2019

Edition No. 2

We are pleased to say the children have settled really well into the school routines and have thoroughly enjoyed their first month at NDPS. Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm in these early days. As you will be aware, next week is 'Maths Week' at school. Whilst Reception will be participating in many maths challenges throughout the week, we **will not be taking part in the maths investigation planned on Tuesday from 9:15 for parents**. We are looking to making an Elmer with your patterned squares and seeing your lovely costumes on Friday.

As we look ahead, we look forward to the first of our days where all Reception children spend a day learning together. On 23rd October, the Owls from Betchworth will spend the day with Robins at Brockham base. We will explore 'autumn' together with lots of learning experiences. Further details to follow.

In the past two weeks, we have...

- Improved our fine motor skills using scissors, tweezers, nuts and bolts, playdoh, holding a paintbrush, holding a pencil or crayon etc...
- Talked about what makes us special.
- Learnt we keep safe using the computer and internet
- Talked about our pets and the job of a vet
- Developed our joining and sticking skills in the modelling area
- Read Elmer stories

Home learning

Children will now be bringing home wordless / Oxford Reading Tree books to share on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Monday to Thursday, we will be learning new sounds in phonics. Do feel free to send in an unbreakable object for the sound of the day. On Fridays, we send their sound book home for you to share. Please return this on Mondays for the next week.

Wanted

- Pine cones - any size open or closed. Any other natural materials we could use.
- Flour, salt and food colouring we could use to make playdough
- Recycling materials for junk modelling - no bigger than a cereal box please.
- Empty, clean 2l plastic bottles for a school recycling project

Reminders

- Please remember to name ALL clothing, shoes, PE bags and water bottles.
- Please send your child in with a coat each day.
- Please continue to practise doing up coats independently.

In the next two weeks, we will....

- Share the story of The Hungry Caterpillar and make a mini book
- Collect objects and make an autumn collage together
- Recognise and order numbers to 10 using Numicon and other maths equipment.
- Learn about the characters in the Oxford Reading Tree books
- Start Phase 2 of letters and sounds

FONDS COIN CHALLENGE

Mon 30th Sept - Thurs 24th Oct

Each class has a coin jar in their classroom and are competing against each other. The aim of the challenge is to be the the class who raises the most! There will be a KS1 and KS2 winner who will get to choose new games/activities for their classroom.

Please check your pockets, handbags, sofas and encourage your kids to save their coins! Please note we are only collecting 20p, 10p, 5p, 2p and 1p coins.

Thanks for your support,
FONDS TEAM