



# Year R Learning Letter

## Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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Thank you for helping us to get your children settled so well during their early days at school. It has been so lovely to meet you all and see how well the children have settled! The children have had a positive and happy start to life at North Downs Primary School and we look forward to working with you this year.

**P.E.**  
Moving forward, from next week, all children should come to school wearing their school P.E. kits with trainers and school jumper or cardigan on their P.E. days. If the weather is cold, please remember they can wear a pair of jogging bottoms over their shorts.

P.E. Days for Owls: Monday and Wednesday

P.E. Days for Robins: Wednesday and Thursday (**NO PE Wednesday 4th October due to school photos at Brockham base. Please wear normal school uniform on this day**)

### **Reading**

From week beginning **Monday 2nd October** we will start sending home wordless reading books for you to share with your child at home. Please use these to talk about the pictures and think about what might be happening in the story as the book progresses. Books will be changed on a Monday and Thursday, so please send in reading diaries and books on these days.

### Wanted

- Recycling that can be used for junk modelling - nothing bigger than a cereal box please.
- Donations of flour, oil, cream of tartare, salt for play dough.

### Reminders

- Please remember to name ALL clothing and **water bottles**. Please make sure your book bag is labelled on the outside.
- Please send your child in with a coat **every day**.
- Please continue to practise doing up coats independently.
- Please send in named wellington boots.
- If you wish to, please send in a pair of waterproof trousers for forest school days.
- **Book bags are our preferred bags, rather than back packs if possible.** Back packs are fine for their pegs in the cloakroom to hold spare clothing.

### Since starting school, we have...

- Made new friends.
- Discovered our school and class rules and routines, including lunch times.
- Shared the story of Owl Babies.

### Over the next two weeks we will...

- Improve our fine motor skills using scissors, tweezers, nuts and bolts, playdough etc.
- Talk about what makes us special through Jigsaw
- Develop our joining and sticking skills in the modelling area.
- Share the stories of Peace at Last and A Squash and a Squeeze.
- Look in a mirror to see what we look like and compare ourselves to our friends.
- Sing nursery and counting rhymes. We will also learn some action songs through Charanga.

JIGSAW is our whole-school PSHE program and we attach the JIGSAW knowledge organisers for this half term's topic: Being Me In My World.



## Being Me in My World

### Puzzle Map - F2 (Reception) - Ages 4-5

Weekly Celebration	Pieces	Learning Intentions
Help other to feel welcome	1. Who... Me?!	I understand how it feels to belong and that we are similar and different
Try to make our Nursery/Pre-school community a better place	2. How am I feeling today?	I can start to recognise and manage my feelings
Think about everyone's right to learn	3. Being at School	I enjoy working with others to make school a good place to be
Care about other people's feelings	4. Gentle hands	I understand why it is good to be kind and use gentle hands
Work well with others	5. Our Rights	I am starting to understand children's rights and this means we should all be allowed to learn and play
Choose to follow the Learning Charter	6. Our Responsibilities	I am learning what being responsible means