



Year R Learning Letter

Friday 29th September 2023

Edition No. 2

The children continue to settle in to school routines and have thoroughly enjoyed staying all day. We would like to thank you for helping us to make their transition to school a smooth and happy one. It has been lovely for us to get to know you at the gate in the morning at drop off. Just one thing we still need your help with ... PLEASE name ALL clothing. Also, as a large number of children struggle to put on their own coat, please continue to practise this at home. The children are enjoying having their lunch at school and our first P.E. lessons were a great success! We are looking forward to 'Feeling Good' week next week, and getting involved in a range of activities. Next week, will be our first school photo, so please remember **no PE kit for Robins on Wednesday**. Owls photos will be taken on Thursday, so school uniform as usual.

In the past two weeks, we have...

- Improved our fine motor skills using scissors, tweezers, and nuts and bolts, holding a paintbrush, holding a pencil or crayon etc.
- Talked about what makes us special
- Learned how to subitise in maths
- Developed our joining and sticking skills in the modelling area.
- Read Elmer stories
- Enjoyed our Friday 'Dough disco'

Home Learning

From Monday 2nd October, children will be bringing home wordless books to share with you. These will be changed on a Monday and Thursday in school. We hope you enjoy making up stories with your children as you share the pictures. Feel free to write any comments in your child's reading diary.

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.
- Talk about our pets and the job of a vet
- Recognise and order numbers to 5 using Numicon and other maths equipment.
- Enjoy our music sessions using Charanga and a range of percussion instruments and our PSHE lessons using Jigsaw.
- Begin learning our phase 2 letters and sounds

Wanted

- Recycling materials for junk modelling - no bigger than a cereal box please. **No glass and no medicine packages please.**
- Ingredients for making play dough - flour, cream of tartare, vegetable oil, salt. This is for our 'dough disco' each Friday.

Reminders

- Please remember to name ALL clothing, shoes, PE bags and water bottles.
- Please send your child in with a named coat **each day**.
- Please continue to practise doing up coats independently.
- Please provide your child with a named water bottle **every day**.
- Please ensure your child has a book bag in school **rather than a backpack, if possible**. Many thanks to those who have already organised book bags!

Tuscasi Registration

Please ensure you have completed your online registration for Tucasi, even if you have already registered with an older sibling, as this is the system used for any school related payments and communication. If you experience any problems, please contact the School Office on info@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk. If you do not have a scopy account you will not have access to the parent evening booking system.