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Reception Newsletter **w/c 2nd October 2023**

Dear families,

Thank you for your attendance at our Curriculum Information Meeting last week. We hope you found it useful. Please find key messages and reminders from the meeting throughout this week's newsletter.

Over the past week, the children have enjoyed playing outside and making the most of the lovely Autumn sunshine! We have also officially joined the rest of the school on the 'big playground' at lunchtimes; the children have been very excited to be able to interact with older friends and siblings! Our Reception learning garden has also remained open for those who prefer quieter play.

Home learning and reading books

Phonics home learning sheets will now come home in a plastic wallet for safe keeping. If your child completes anything on paper, this can also be put in the wallet and we will reward this with a special sticker! We do find that the children who consistently consolidate their learning at home become more confident readers, than those who do not.

On Friday, we sent home reading 'sharing packs'. These books are not matched to your child's phonics or reading ability and we do not expect your child to be able to read these books! At this stage, the focus is on exposing the children to school reading books and forming a habit of daily reading.

Reading packs will be sent home on Friday and must be returned each Wednesday.

Top tips for using the sharing packs:

- Read to your child - can they identify any of the sounds within the words? (They should now be very familiar with the s a t p i n sounds!) Can they join in with any repeated refrains?
- Look at the pictures - what can you see? What do you think might happen next in the story? Can you make up your own story using the pictures?
- Discuss whether the book is fiction (story) or non-fiction (information)

We strongly encourage re-reading the books in the pack throughout the week. This further promotes language acquisition and develops vocabulary and comprehension skills.

Learning:

Our topic for this term is 'All About Me'

Our topics are highly influenced by the children's interests therefore activities may change from those planned.

Next week in Reception, we will be introducing the following as part of our focused learning:

Communication, Language & Literacy:

- Focusing on the story 'Biscuit Bear' by Mini Grey
- Discussing how to be a good friend



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Maths:

- Oral counting from 0 - 10
- Matching and sorting objects
- 1:1 correspondence (counting the correct number of objects)
- Baking biscuits (measures)

If you would like any further information on Maths at Saxon, please refer to the Saxon Maths website:
<https://saxonmaths.weebly.com/>

Other Areas of Learning:

- UW (Understanding the World) – our community
- PSED (Personal, social and emotional development)- “Being Me in My World” – working together with others and considering other people’s feelings
- EAD (Expressive arts and design) – baking biscuits (linked with maths)
- PD (Physical development) - ‘Catching and throwing a ball’ which will help children with muscle development, hand-eye coordination and fitness.

Notices/Reminders:

- This Friday is Bring a Colour Mufti Day. Our year group can bring any items with Red in them. Children can also wear any mufti clothes (doesn’t have to be connected to Red).
- All children are encouraged to bring a **named** water bottle to school daily.
- Please, please ensure that all items of clothing are named. It is much easier (and quicker!) to reunite them with their owners when they are clearly labelled.
- Please ensure that all children are provided with a spare change of underpants, socks or tights in a named carrier bag.
- If your child is under the age of 5, they are eligible for free milk through the subsidised school milk scheme. **Please follow this link to sign up:** www.coolmilk.com Once your child turns five they are still able to have milk, however, there is a small cost.
- Please do not hesitate to email or call the school if you have any questions. Class teachers can be contacted via info.saxon@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

Kind Regards,
Reception Team
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