

Year R Round-Up

September

Hello! Welcome to our monthly Year R round-up letter. This is a way for us to share with you photos and information about what we have been up to in school this month. We will also share with you ways in which you can support your child at home.

This month we have focused on:

- Settling in to school life
- Getting to know the adults and the other children
- Learning where everything goes and where everything is!
- Becoming more independent at the start of the school, day (hanging up our coats, choosing our dinner, etc) and at the end of the school day (gathering our belongings to take home)
- Learning a new letter sound everyday
- Exploring number through song and stories





What do our days look like?

We start every day by learning a new letter sound.

We are preparing our bodies for handwriting by making our bodies stronger – ask your child to show you Meerkat, Stone Lion, Lizard and Bear position!

We are preparing our hands for handwriting by doing fiddly activities to make our fingers stronger.

We do PE with Mrs Stewart on a Wednesday morning and with our class teacher on a Thursday afternoon.

We love going to the library on a Wednesday to choose a new book to take home!

We spend time in our keyworker groups talking about ourselves and our thoughts and share ideas. Ask your child if they can tell you our three school rules.

On Friday afternoons we go outside, onto the fields or into the woods to explore the outside world in Forest Friday. Ask your child to tell you what they know about Autumn.

Every day we play, inside and outside, developing our creativity and our social skills.





How to support your child at this time:

Here are the things we would like you to work on with your child at home:

- We sometimes take our shoes and socks off for PE – make sure your child can take their own shoes and socks off and put them back on again (for this reason lace-up shoes are not recommended unless your child can tie their own laces!)
- Can they take off their jumper/cardigan and put it back on again?
- Can your child read their own name? Can they recognise their name labels in their jumpers? Can they recognise their own book bags? (Keyrings are helpful for this!)
- We are doing lots of talking about books – share stories at home and talk about what you read together

Year R Phonics Meeting – 9am Thursday 12th October

Please come to our talk about how we teach reading using phonics. It will be at 9am on Thursday 12th October, in the school hall. During this talk we will share with you the information you need to help your child at home with reading.

Harvest Assembly – 9am Wednesday 18th October.

We will be singing some of our Autumn songs and sharing some of our learning with you.

