

Early Years Newsletter - Term 1

A great big welcome!

Please feel free to ask any questions that you have, we understand this can be an anxious time for parents and we want to support both you and your child as you transition into Reception at Repton Manor.

Children's Timetable

Monday: New reading book brought home for the first time - this will be a wordless book to begin with to increase your child's comprehension skills.

Friday: Return reading books for the weekend

Mathematics

During term 1 we will become increasingly confident at putting numerals in order 0 to 10. Through play and exploration, we will begin to recognise arrangements of objects and dots automatically - subitising.

We will also be learning language associated with size - biggest, smallest, medium, tallest, shortest.

RWI

During term 1, we will initially focus on our listening and attention skills, playing games that make us listen very carefully, differentiate and identify common noises.

We will develop our blending skills by playing lots of games.
We will start to learn the first Read Write Inc sounds.

Please practise recognising your child's sounds flashcards in their book bag as this is really supporting their recognition.

Remember to say the sound not the letter name.

Please watch these helpful videos showing the correct sound production and how to encourage blending skills to develop -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TxXcabDUg7Q>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNyFikwNQ7g>

Topic

This topic will see the children investigate colours in their environment and how primary colours can be mixed to create secondary colours. The children will explore the text 'Find your happy' and learn all about emotions, how to express them and how other people feel. The children will read 'How the Crayons Saved the Rainbow' and will participate in a rainbow hunt, make kindness cards for members of the local community and create a map of the story. As part of Harvest the children will investigate the colours, shapes and tastes of a range of fruits and vegetables, this will link to our learning around the text 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'.

Key dates for your diary

Parents Evening - 19th October 2022

Reminders

Please ensure your child reads with you daily and you sign the reading record book.

Children must have a named water bottle in school each day.

Please could you ensure all uniform is labelled with your children's first and last name.

Please ensure your child brings a showerproof jacket when it is raining or is likely to rain.

Please return borrowed clothes once they have been washed.

Our Daily Routine

8.40-9.15 - Children self-register, choose their lunch option and play in provision.

9.15-9.30 - Motor skills development - developing fine motor skills and their ability to move with control and coordination.

9.30-9.50 - RWI which is a phonics scheme that works with children in small groups to develop their skills and knowledge in this area.

9.50-11 - Child Initiated - children select where they would like to learn and play in a carefully designed environment.

11-11.20 - Storytelling groups focusing on oral literacy skills, understanding of language and early reading and writing.

11.20-11.30 - Prepare for lunch and singing

11.30-12.30 - Children are supported to eat and play outside

12.30-1 - Children engage in group work.

1-2.30- Child Initiated

2.30- 2.50 - Children work on their Mathematics skills.