

Foundation Stage Newsletter

Welcome to Werrington Primary School. We hope you have had an enjoyable summer and that you and your child are now ready to become part of our school.

Your child will have brought home a book bag; they must bring the book bag to school with them every day as we will put important contact letters and notes in there for you to read. The reading log is used for parents to keep track of the books that the children are reading at home and for parent helpers to comment when listening to children reading in school.

We will do our best to do a reading assessment on each child during their first day at school; this will ensure they are on the correct book band level and have an appropriate reading book to read at home. Your child will also come home with a story book for you to read to them.

In the mornings your child has the choice of two boxes in which to put their bookbag. Either the ✓ box, which means they have read their books and need them changing. Or the ✗ box, which means the children will keep the books for another evening.

We will change the books with the children during the day.

The children will have P.E on a Monday and a Thursday, but we may use their kit on other days during the week alongside this.

In the mornings when you bring your child to school we would appreciate it if you could help them with the following jobs before you leave;

- Taking their coat off and hanging it on the peg. Try to let them be as independent as possible and do this by themselves if they can.
- Find their name and put it in the basket. This helps us to know who has arrived before we do the register.
- Put any letters / dinner money / reply slips etc that you want the teacher to have into the tray.
- Help your child to put their bookbag in the correct box, tick box means yes change my books, cross box means no not today.
- Finally, feel free to stay to help your child to settle to an activity and if they are struggling with this please let us know so that we can support you.

They are free to go into either classroom to play until the bell rings for the register.

At the end of the session, we will bring them into the playground and hand them over to you. Please remember that if an adult other than the parent is picking your child up, we must meet them or have a photograph beforehand.

This half term, our topic will be based on Nursery Rhymes and Familiar songs. For the first two weeks we will be concentrating on Incy Wincy Spider and Hickory Dickory Dock. The children will have opportunities to

- Decorate spider biscuits,
- Play an Incy Wincy Spider game,
- Make their own card clock,
- Participate in group singing sessions,
- Draw and write about their family,
- Become familiar with the school, adults and new class.

If anyone is interested in joining the PTA or in coming into school as a parent helper (Grandparents included), please let the class teacher know. We are always looking out for volunteers to support the school. We ask parent helpers to start after half term when the children have settled in and all you need is to complete a current CRB form which the school office can supply.

Until our next newsletter, we wish you all the best as your little one begins their school life, and ask you to remember that we are always here to talk over any concerns or worries however small they may seem.

Request

If you have any dressing up clothes that your child no longer uses and you think they are appropriate for use in our reception area please bring them in.