

# Foundation Stage Unit News Letter

The part time arrangements are now over and we would like to express our thanks to you all for supporting us with the settling in arrangements. We appreciate that it is difficult for those of you who work as it is not always possible to change hours. However, due to these arrangements, the children have all settled into their new school really well and we have seen confidence develop over such a short time.

Over the next three weeks we are continuing our work on familiar songs and will be concentrating on stories with a colour theme and songs with a harvest theme.

The children will be;

- Sequencing the story of Elmer.
- Learning about pattern and making repeating patterns.
- Using the Interactive Whiteboard.
- Writing about their favourite rhyme.

The children will continue P.E this week. Monday afternoon is one PE slot and Thursday morning is the other. Thursday's session will be taught by a specialist P.E coach, Mr Shepherd, who the children have already met. It is useful if the children are wearing clothes that make them as independent as possible on these days such as skirts/ trousers rather than dresses for the girls. It is not compulsory but is a real help! Please can you ensure all clothes are labeled with your child's name.

We have noticed that many of you have got off to a really good start when sharing books with your child at home. There have been lots of comments in the reading diaries which are useful for us to look at. For those of you new to school (and we apologise for not being clearer about this at an earlier date), when you have shared a book with your son / daughter, please could you note the title and a quick comment in their reading record, which is in their book bag. This helps us to track their progress. After half term, the book will also be used by parent helpers and on occasions by the teachers. We do not always write in their diaries as we have to keep our own bank of notes, but your child is listened to through the reading activities that we work on each week.

After half term we run a 'Home Activity' scheme where we send home short activities for you to work on each week with your child. They are not compulsory and do not have to be returned to school each week. They are just a way of supporting the types of activities that we have been working on or are about to work on in school.

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