

Clifford Road School

Reception Newsletter



We are learning to...

So far...

In Reception we have been busy learning our sounds – we hope the children have enjoyed teaching the new sounds to you! We are starting to use our phonic skills when we are reading and writing too.

In maths we have been practising careful counting and remembering what numbers look like. We have also investigated shapes and measures so we have made shape pictures, talked about the names of shapes and also looked at sizes of toys and had a go at measuring them with cubes.

We have been having lots of fun visiting Storyland in our drama sessions; it's amazing the things we have seen there: dragons, dinosaurs, flying carpets and castles to name but a few!

Don't Forget...

- To write in your child's reading diary regularly to keep us informed as to their progress at home
- School policy states that no jewellery is allowed in school except for stud earrings and these need to be taken out for swimming and PE – thank you.
- Please sign up if you can help with swimming so that we know what help we have. The chart is outside the classroom door – thank you.
- Friday 20th October is a PD day when the school is closed and the following week is half-term.

Did you know....

- You can access the jolly phonics songs on youtube if you search 'Jolly phonics phase 2/phase 3 songs'. Warning: they get in to your head very quickly!
- We have weekly philosophy lessons in Reception (called P4C). We listen to each other and share our ideas. We have talked about what we are good at and what we would like to be better at...the children are really good thinkers!
- If your child comes home with a gold sticker and a note it means they have been 'spotted' displaying excellent behaviour by a member of staff. Their reward is to wear non-uniform on a set Friday, to sit in a chair in assembly and to be entered into an end of term draw for a prize.

What's coming up.....

- We are now starting to look at the seasons with a focus on Autumn. If you are out and about it would be great if the children could collect some natural resources (eg conkers, pine cones, leaves) for our investigation area.
- The sounds we are learning next include 'digraphs'. This term just means '2 letters 1 sound' eg sh/ch/th. We have introduced this term to the children so they may be able to explain what a digraph is!
- We practise our number skills every day but our maths topics for the next few weeks include sorting and looking at pattern. The children will be asked to look for patterns around them so you might want to have a look at pattern in your own home.

Please do not hesitate to see a member of the Early Years team if you have any concerns or queries, or would like to help in the classroom. You will need a DBS check to do this but we can organise this for you and it is completely free of charge.

