



Wintringham Primary Academy

Reception Class Newsletter

Friday 18th October 2024

Learning Theme – Ourselves

Next week, we will be continuing with the theme 'Ourselves' with a focus on our families. We will be exploring the book 'The Great Big Book of Families' by Mary Hoffman, and exploring how all families are unique and special. Within this, the children will be thinking about the special people in their own families as well as how they themselves have grown and changed since they were babies. To support this, we would be very grateful if you could send in one photo of your child when they were a baby (either a physical copy, or, ideally, on Tapestry). We will then share these with the rest of the class during our carpet time. Thank you for your support with this.

Reminders

P.E. is on a Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school every Tuesday for this. If your child has pierced ears, their earrings must be removed for P.E.

Additionally, please can all children have the following with them in school each day:

- A filled, named water bottle (no juice or squash, just water please)
- A pair of welly boots that they keep in school as we explore in all weathers
- A warm, waterproof coat and hat now the weather is growing colder
- Their book bag, with their reading record and phonics book in please
- Spare clothes in case of toilet accidents (optional).

Reading and Phonics

The children have already learnt the following sounds:

s a t p i n m d g o c k c k e u r h b f l

Next week, we will be assessing the children's knowledge of these.

Alongside this, the children are learning to blend these sounds together to read words. Your child will have brought home a reading diary as well as one phonics reading book. Currently, your child's books may have no words in. Once your child has demonstrated that they can blend, they will move to reading a book containing known sounds. Please can you read with your child **five** times a week and **record** a read for each day in their reading diary. Please only record reads of the phonics book sent home. Your child's reading books will be changed on a **Tuesday** and a **Friday**. On Friday, we count how many reads your child has completed and they will move up our reading chart. If your child has completed **5 or more** reads throughout the week, then their name will be entered into our weekly reading raffle. Additionally, today (Friday 18th October) we will also be sending out a reading for pleasure book. This is for you to read **to** your child and enjoy together, and does not need to be recorded in their reading record.

Please may we request that water bottles are not carried in your child's book bag as, in our experience, this frequently leads to soggy books!

Thank you for your continued support.