



Supporting your Reception Child at Home



Thank you to all the parents and carers who could attend our 'Stay and Share' this week. The children were so excited to have their special adults visit and share in classroom activities. We have had some wonderful comments about your experience. Here is some information that you may wish to use to support your child at home.

Recognising and using Letters

We use the Jolly Phonics Jingles to introduce children to letters. We talk about the sound's letters make, the letter name and the letter formation. We will be using the Letter join handwriting scheme in school. The link to access this is:

https://www.letterjoin.co.uk/desktop_edition/cursive/lcl

Username: farnborough2_1

Password: teacher

You can help by:

- ❖ Looking carefully at the letter join video clips for the correct formation with your child
- ❖ Supporting the homework sheets for the letters sent home each week (There are simple instructions for the actions on the sheets)
- ❖ Praising your child for their efforts
- ❖ Reinforcing the sounds that each letter makes-perhaps using 'I Spy' games
- ❖ Play a game where you say the letter and your child writes it from memory

Reading Books/Key Words/Word games

Your child will be bringing home common exception words to learn. These may be on a sheet or individually in a zippy wallet. Daily practise of these words will help your child to remember and retain them. They are what we call our 'tricky words'. For example, **the, was, they**. Your child may have activities to practise blending letters to read words e.g. cat/peg etc. This may be a challenge at first but we will be doing lots of multisensory activities to support this in school. Reading books/Activities will go home for you to share with your child. Encourage reading from left to right, and point to individual words when reading sentences. Talk about the pictures and use them as clues to work out new words.

Maths

We choose to teach by breaking down Maths objectives into the smallest steps, so that every pupil is secure in every new concept before moving on. We focus upon teaching for fluency, reasoning and problem solving. Please see the attached '**Maths Mastery**' leaflet that explains this further. I have also included some **other ideas** for supporting your child at home.

Celebrating Success



Look out for our 'Special Table' and 'Above and Beyond' awards. The children love being chosen by their welfare assistant for their lovely table manners to have a special table mat and certificate on a Friday. If someone is spotted doing something amazing they will receive an 'Above and Beyond' award. Our 'Star of the Week Award' is given out in assembly on a Friday. Each class awards 2 stars each week. Just a reminder that badges can be worn every day and returned to class the following Friday morning.

Thank you for all your continued support, Mrs Price, Deputy Head Teacher, Early Years Leader.