



Friday 22nd September

Another great week in school in spite of the changeable weather! The children are really happy and settled in class and are making lots of new friends.

A reminder that this Wednesday we are inviting parents in for a phonics and reading meeting so we can show you how these are taught in school. If you are able to attend, please come to the main school entrance ready for a **2.45 start**. The meeting will finish at the end of the school day ready for normal pickup at the reception classrooms.

## Phonics

This week we have introduced the graphemes s, a, t and p in Phonics. Many of the children are able to hear the sounds at the start of words and have been keen to have a go at writing the letters, saying the mnemonic as they write to get their formation right. The mnemonics for this week are attached.



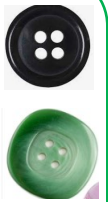
## Reading

The children have been very enthusiastic about their "star" books reading them many times over the week! We hope that you are enjoying sharing these stories at home. We have reminded the children to change their star books once they have read theirs at home a few times for a new one. School reading books will be coming home soon but for now please just enjoy sharing the stories and recording in reading diaries.

## Mathematics

In Maths we have been using language to compare objects. We have used the books The Button Box and Simon Sock to initiate discussions. The children have loved exploring buttons and discussing the characteristics of different buttons e.g. "These are the same because they have 4 holes, but they are different because one is black and one is green."

Next week we will continue comparing and will look at specifics such as taller/shorter and heavier/lighter. We will also compare small quantities and will introduce the language "more" and "fewer".



We will start our first Forest School on Tuesday 3rd October. Cygnets will have their session in the morning and Goslings will have their session in the afternoon. On Forest School days please send your child to school wearing appropriate old clothes, long sleeves and long trousers (not school uniform) and a waterproof coat/ trousers (not an all in one please). If you can also use the time between now and then to help your child practise putting their waterproof clothing on so that they are able to do it independently- this would be most helpful. Waterproof clothing should be clearly named and sent in only on Forest School days. If wellies have not been brought to school, can you please do so before the 3rd of October.

Please help us by not allowing your child to play with the equipment in the outdoor classroom before and after school.

If you need to speak to your child's teacher after school then it would be very helpful if you can stand back until the teacher has safely dismissed each child. Thank you

Please can you bring a spare change of clothes in a clearly named bag if you have not already done so.

The Marvellous Me boxes that we have received so far really are lovely. We will be looking at these over the next couple of weeks so there is plenty of time for you to assemble them. The children have been able to talk about their contents or pictures with real interest. We hope that you have enjoyed putting them together.





S

Down the snake  
from head to  
tail



a

Around the  
astronaut's  
helmet and  
down into  
space.



t

Down the tiger  
and across his  
neck



p

Down the  
penguin's back,  
up and around  
its head