



Elm Class Weekly Update - Week 1

Dear parents and carers,

The children have all been super stars completing their first 2 days in Reception with many smiles. The children have taken everything in their stride. They have met their new dinner nanny called Mrs Ward and sat beautifully in the hall for lunch. I am so proud of them all. It was lovely to observe children in our garden classroom, discovering minibeasts, making mud pies in the mud kitchen and playing football. It was also lovely to see the children in the yard at lunchtime playing with siblings, cousins and friends.

This week we continue to focus on settling in to new routines and getting to know your child. We will continue to wash hands to stay healthy and safe and encourage making lots more friends.

Just a quick reminder for families to check that your child's name is written in all their uniform including shoes, wellies in their locker, water bottles and school coats. Please ensure names are written inside cardigans and jumpers. It makes it very difficult for children and staff to know who a piece of uniform or coat belongs to if the name is not inside. Many thanks

'Cool Milk' is an outside business that supplies school with milk for children. Families must fill in the Cool Milk registration form and send it to Cool Milk if you wish your child to have milk, it is not automatic. School are issued with a list of children's names from Cool Milk at the beginning of each week. We give the milk to the children on the list. If your child did not get their milk then their name will not have been on the list from Cool Milk. If you have registered with Cool Milk and your child didn't get their milk then please check in with Cool Milk. Thank you

Toys from home

Just to share with parents/carers that we discourage children bringing their own toys to school. Special toys should stay safe at home. If toys accidentally arrive in the classroom children will be asked to leave them in their blue book bag until home time.

Blue Book Bags

Please ensure your child brings their blue book bag to school every day. Many thanks 😊

Finish times

A quick reminder!

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday we finish at 3.20

Friday, we finish at 2.30. Many thanks

Areas of Learning

Personal and Social Development

This week we begin the national 'Social, Emotional, Aspects of Learning' program (also known as S.E.A.L) with the children focusing on 'New Beginnings'. Mrs Wray (TA) will be delivering learning Monday morning 9.30-10.30 Mrs Wray will be introducing expectations during circle times and playing circle time 'getting to know you' games.

Communication/ Language and Literacy

This week we will continue to encourage the children to recognise and mark make/write their name on models, drawings and paintings. We have compiled a list of the children's favourite stories from your completed 'All about me' forms. We have included many of those stories in our reading area and will be sharing them often.

Receptions new phonics program Sounds Write starts week 4. More details to follow.

Mathematics

This week we will begin to share White Rose Math's Phase 1 stories linked to early years math concepts that we will begin to teach during the coming weeks. We will be sharing and discussing stories such as Where's my Teddy by Jez Alborough, Noah's Ark by Lucy Cousins and Monkey Puzzle by Julia Donaldson in preparation for the White Rose Maths programme to start week 4.

Expressive Arts

We will begin drawing our own families and mark make/write labels to add to our drawings. We hope to display all the children's wonderful work in the coming weeks.

Physical Development/ Health and Self-Care

We will begin our Physical Development program for this half term in week 4. We will be focusing on 'Spatial Awareness'. We request that children come to school wearing their PE kit on Mondays from week 4. We will continue to ensure that children wash their hands at appropriate times through-out the day and use our 'Nose wiping station' when they sneeze.

Understanding the world

Miss Swan teaches Understanding the world/Science across the wider school covering Teachers PPA time. Miss Swan will be teaching Elm Class children on Mondays from 11 till 11.55.

Any further questions please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Warmest regards,

Ms Lilley