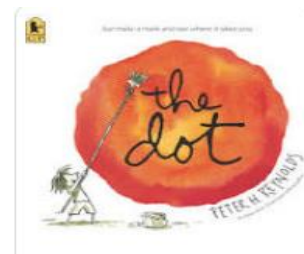


Reception Newsletter

16th September 2022



Wow, what a fabulous start to the new year! The children have been very busy during the week, finding out about our school community and what happens at school. During this week we have been drawing our families and on Thursday, we celebrated International Dot Day. This day is inspired by the book 'The Dot' by Peter Reynolds where a child is encouraged to be an artist even though they are scared to make a mark on the paper. We have had some fantastic pictures from the children who used dots to make pictures. We have then looked at the artist Kandinsky who drew circles. When we have displayed the pictures in the classroom, we will put a photograph on this class page.

Next Week:

We will be doing lots of activities around 'Let's be friends' that include friendship recipes, taking care and being a good friend.

We will be reading the story Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers and thinking carefully about how we can play nicely with each other.

We will also be:

- going to our first assembly with Mr Tomlinson and then with the whole school
- starting a short 10 minute phonic session each day (we will be sending home sheets for you to practise at home)
- starting the statutory Reception Baseline. This is a government baseline that we need to complete within 6 weeks and runs alongside all the other activities that we do to find out your child's strengths, interests, and areas for development
- starting to write letters and practise holding a pencil correctly

Just a few reminders:

PE

is on Wednesday. This week we changed into our kits and were practising stopping and moving in the space carefully.

Water bottles

All the children have a cup in the classroom with their number on. These are put through the dishwasher daily and are freely available during the day. We encourage the children to drink regularly, and a snack is available in the morning and milk in the afternoon. If your child turns 5 you will need to start paying for this through Cool Milk.

Labels

Thank you very much for all the items of clothing that is clearly labelled. It has really helped the children find their clothes this week. If you do lose anything, let us know and we will try and find it for you.

Finally, a well done to all the children for their first full week. We have lots of tired children, but they are doing a great job asking for help, trying all the activities, and working with their friends and teachers.

We are always around to answer any questions or queries that you may have. There are couple of ways that you can contact us:

- Pop over to see us at the end of the day. Once we have dismissed the children safely, we are always available to have a chat.
- Phone the office to make an appointment with any one of us.
- Email the office to make an appointment. The office staff will forward the email to us and we will catch you or give you a ring to arrange a suitable time.

Please do let us know of any concerns as quickly as possible. We can usually sort things out very quickly if you let us know.

Many thanks

The Reception Team

(Mrs Gibbens, Mrs Morrell, Mrs Wood and Mrs Boulton)