



★ Newsletter ★

17th September 2021

We cannot believe how busy we have been! It has been a great start to the term where all the children have settled into new routines beautifully. They should feel exceptionally proud of themselves as they have worked hard to do the right thing all of the time.

We had a special visitor on Thursday afternoon. Mr Maddison (our old Head Teacher) came to visit KSI to talk to us about school life in the past. The children enjoyed older stories like Janet and John sang different nursery rhymes. The children also loved looking at pictures of Mr Maddison when he was younger and commented how clothes have changed over time! The children showcased their Take Care attitude and loved learning with him.

Today we have enjoyed learning some tennis skills with Nick. This session will be outside every Friday. As the weather may turn colder, the children may need a warm hoody for this lesson.

Reading

We will be changing your child's reading books every **Friday**. We would love it if you could record at least 3 reading sessions with your child, either on the diary pages or in the Reading Log. There are housepoints for those children who read at least 3 times a week – every child still gets a sticker as we understand it is not always feasible. We will also be putting in which book we have read with your child that week during our reading sessions.

Learning this week

English

This week we looked at the story "Whiffy Wilson, the wolf who wouldn't go to school". We have spoken about their favourite activity at school and started to think about verbs to describe different activities we could do at school. We challenged them to write a sentence about where this might happen e.g I eat my dinner in the hall at school. They have been brilliant with using the sound mats to help them sound out words. We will be doing lots of work on full stops and capital letters this half term.

Maths

In Maths we have been doing small tasks with the children to see what they know about number and about shape, space and measure. This will inform our future planning.

Homework

In line with our school ethos, this half term we are giving you the option to do as much or as little additional work as you'd like at home. The idea is you work your way through the grid, picking and choosing which activities you'd like to do. All the activities link to our Curriculum Topic. Please stick any of the activities that you do complete in our new homework book, we'd love to see them on a Friday! House points will be rewarded for Take Care Work.

Share a Book Friday

Each week we would love the children to have the opportunity to talk in front of the class. In line with promoting a love of reading, we would like the children to share their favourite book with the class to try and inspire their friends to read and look at the pictures for themselves. I am also more than happy to read it/share sections of it depending on what type of book it is. Don't worry – they don't actually need to be able to read it but just come with reasons why they think people would enjoy it e.g a good plot, funny, pictures etc. We will then ask that they leave it in our special section in the library so that the other children can take a look during the week and we will be taking a picture so that over the year we can see all the children's favourite books. I have put together a little schedule so that the children know when it is their turn. This has been put in their homework book.

Dates for your diary

Individual Photos - 27th September.

School Trip – 7th October (information to follow)

Thank you,

Miss Evans and Miss Lancashire ☺

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