



Settling in is going very well in Year R class; the children are learning where everything is and getting to know each other. Please remember if your child becomes suddenly upset to leave you after coming in perfectly well for the first few weeks, this is normal. Even for those with experience of long days at nursery- there is lots for them to learn and remember which can be overwhelming.

Reading books

From next week, every day a group of children will bring home a reading folder in their book bag. The reading folder will contain; a library book for you to read to your child, a Phonics Shed book and a reading record so you can write comments about your child's reading. More details of this will be shared at the Meet the Teacher session and in further newsletters. Children's books will be changed once a week- details of which day your child will change their book will be on a sticker in their reading record and are as follows:

Monday-green group

Tuesday-black group

Wednesday-yellow group

Thursday- blue group

Friday- red group

Meet with the Teacher

I am looking forward to meeting with you, next Wednesday 1st October at 8.45am to give you some more information about the Reception year and information about early reading. If you are unable to make it, some details will be shared on the school website.

Phonics

This week, to prepare the children for beginning Phonics we are practising segmenting words. You can support your child by sounding out words for them eg. get your b-a-g. It is important that you make the sounds and not say the letter names. I will give you more guidance on this at the Meet the Teacher session.

PE kit

Children should come to school in their PE kit every Friday. If you choose to send your child in their tracksuit then please make sure that they have a white t-shirt underneath their top so they can take it off if they get warm. **Please do not give your child shoes with laces.** For their PE lessons children take their shoes and socks off and put them back on after the lesson. This caused a lot of frustration for many children on Friday who were unable to do this by themselves. Please practise this before this Friday.

Name labels

Please ensure that your child's name is on every item that they bring to school; water bottles, jumpers, ties, school bags and PE sweatshirts.

Thank you for your continued support.