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Year R Newsletter

Last week we had great fun exploring aspects of Autumn, we investigated light and dark by exploring the stories the owl who was afraid of the dark and Oliver's Wood. The children learnt about nocturnal animals and made shadow puppets to use in a dark tent that we set up.

Maths– Circles and Triangles

This week, we will be learning about shapes focusing on circles and triangles. Can your children find those shapes around the house or on the way home from school? We will also focus on positional language of over, under, behind, on, through, between. You could use this language with your children while they are tidying up. Put your coat **on** the hook. Put the box **under** the table. Put that book **between** this book and that book....

Write Dance

Your child may have told you about 'Write Dance' which we do daily at school. This is where the children move and draw to selected music to build up the muscles in their wrists, arms and shoulders to prepare them for writing. There are some pictures on Twitter/X to show how the children draw to the music.

Friday PE day

Although PE day is on Friday and children come to school in their PE kits, they should bring their bookbags to school as normal

Phonics

This week, we will be practicing and revising the sounds that we have already learnt. This will give us the opportunity to assess what the children can remember so we can plan for their next steps in Phonics.

Today you will be sent home with a login for Phonics* shed which you can access here <https://www.edshed.com/en-gb/login>

I have set some fun games for this children to play which will help them to practice their sounds. You should have received an email with details about how to get on to phonics shed.

This week I am also aiming to put some videos on tapestry which shows you the letter formation for each of the sounds that we have learnt so that you can support your child with writing these at home. Hopefully these will be uploaded by Thursday afternoon.

Phonics Information

We are planning on holding a phonics information session, where you can find out more information about how we teach phonics. This will be held on Wednesday 29th November in the morning after drop off at 8.40am. There will be more information sent out later but for now please mark it in your diary. If you can not make this date then the information shared will be made available.

****Please note phonics shed logins have been put in the small pocket inside your child's book bag.***

Trainer Day

Children are allowed to come to school wearing trainers on Wednesday in return for a donation for the Parish Christmas fete. **Please do not send your child in lace up trainers.**

Thank you for your continued support.