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Sunflower Newsletter

Half term is just around the corner, we are amazed at how well the children have settled in to school life in the last few weeks. They are becoming more independent and learning so much. We hope that they have a lovely rest over the week off. They did a super job last week learning Phonics and beginning our group Maths sessions.

Newspaper photos

This week there will be a feature in the newspaper showing new Reception starters throughout Kent. Sunflower class photo will be in the Gravesend and Dartford Messenger and Kent Messenger on Wednesday 19th October. Please note if you have not given photo permission for your child to appear in the newspaper, they will not be included. The photo was taken on 22nd September, if your child was absent on that date they will also not be included.

Maths- Just Like Me

In Maths, the children will be learning about comparing amounts and repeating patterns. First, we will look at groups of objects to say which has more or fewer. We will use counting frames to compare amounts that are close together. You can support with this at home by using the terms 'more/most' and fewer/fewest' eg. at dinner time, tidying up time etc. For repeating patterns see if the children notice any patterns in their environment and can they build patterns using everyday objects eg. fork, knife, fork, knife....

Phonics

This week we will be learning the sounds t,i,n,g. You can help your child to practise these sounds by looking for things around the house or outside beginning with the sound.

Please watch the video here to best support your child to say the sounds correctly

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkXcabDUg7Q>

This week we are also starting 'word time' in Phonics- using the sounds already learnt to read words. You can find out more about sound blending here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNyFikwNQIg>

Google Classroom

We are currently setting everyone up with a Google classroom account. I am sure that you are thinking 'not another login!' but once you all have an account I will use it as a central place to post useful information. This newsletter will be published there and I will post phonics videos and other resources that you can use at home. I will also post general photos there and any curriculum documents rather than on the website. Tapestry will still be used as a record of your child's learning journey and is personal to them.

As soon as we have logins available Mrs Walter will email you.

PE

PE will take place again this Friday 21st October.

Africa day- Thursday 20th October

Children in Africa group (yellow group) have been invited to wear their own clothes to school on Thursday and will take part in a special celebration with the rest of their team.

**Thank you for your continued support.
Have a lovely half term.**