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Sunflower Newsletter

The children are doing very well in our whole class teaching sessions. They are sitting beautifully on the carpet and learning to not call out but listen and wait for their turn. This is a tricky skill to master but they will crack it in no time! This week we are introducing further structured teaching sessions including Phonics and Maths. See below for ideas on how you can support your child at home.

Maths- Just Like Me

In Maths, we are learning about matching and identifying what is the same about different objects. At home, you can support by getting your child to match items that are the same. This is a great chance to get some help around the house by getting your child to match pairs of socks and cutlery into cutlery trays. Outside maybe they could collect some fallen leaves and try to find ones that are the same. If they are not identical, talk about what is different about them and what is the same. Games of snap or pairs are very good for matching too.

Phonics

This week we start teaching our phonics which form the foundations of helping the children to read and write. We will be learning the sounds m, a, s, d. You can help your child to practise these sounds by looking for things around the house or outside beginning with the sound. There is lots of information on the following website:

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/#set1>

We would ask at this stage that you support with saying and reading the sounds correctly. **We do not use the letter names at this stage.** Follow the pronunciation video [phonics pure sounds video \(oxfordowl.co.uk\)](https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/#set1) to ensure that you are saying the sounds correctly too eg. we say mmm not muh.

PE

Getting dressed for PE went well on Friday, with more practise the children will get faster!

If you didn't send your child in with PE shoes then please do next time (trainers are fine) as they can then put their socks in their shoes which forms part of the getting dressed routine. PE will not take place this week due to the Inset day.

All About Me

This week we will be exploring our topic 'All About Me' by practicing how to make friends, talking about things that we like and describing our family.

If you have any magazines or catalogues at home that you don't mind us having for the children to cut out things that they like, we would be very grateful.

Talking about school

You might find that when you pick your child up from after school and you ask them what they have done they reply 'nothing' or they can't remember! Although this can be very frustrating, it is very normal and continues right through school. Children are doing so much through the day that they need some time to process it and it can be overwhelming to have lots of questions all at once.

You might find that your child is more willing to talk about their day a bit later maybe at dinner time or in the bath. It can help if you talk about your day eg. 'I had a delicious tuna sandwich today. Did you have anything nice to eat?'

Or rephrase the questions. Instead of 'What did you do today?' ask 'What was the best part of your day?' Instead of 'Who did you play with?' ask 'What toys did you play with?' and then 'Did any one else play with them?' Remember they don't know many names yet but they have another 6 years with each other- they will learn!

If you want to find out more about their learning use this newsletter to help. 'Mrs Munday said that you are learning the 'm' sound today, mat begins with 'm', what else?'

Reading books

Please remember to put your child's reading folder in their bag on the correct day to change them. Their changing day is written inside their reading record. If your child is not in school on their changing day then you can put their reading folder in to their bag the next day that they are back at school.

Book Changing

Monday- blue group
Tuesday- black group
Wednesday-yellow group
Thursday- green group
Friday- red group

Thank you for your continued support.