



Russet Class Newsletter 10.9.18



What a busy first week!



Miss France and I were really pleased with our Year R children for doing so well in their first week, after recovering from some morning tears and nerves from some members. Thank you so much for leaving the class so that we can get them focused on joining in with their friends and activities - we know it must be upsetting if your child is emotional, but they really are settling after 10 minutes or so. Well done to our Year 1 children, too, who have been looking after our new members and working hard in their Year 1 workbooks. Hopefully all children have had a restful weekend, and are looking forward to our next week of school.

Parent Consultation Week for Year R Families

Just to remind you, our first consultations for Year R members will take place on Wednesday 19th September. Please remember to sign up for this on the sheet in our classroom. At present we only have about 10 families who have done so. Please let us know if this is a difficult time for you to attend, and we will make different arrangements.



Food Allergies

As you should have seen in our whole school newsletter, our school is a "Nut-Free Zone", as we do have children who are allergic to nuts. Please ensure all up to date food allergy information has been sent to the office. Thank you for your help with this.



Photographer Visits

A photographer from the KM will be visiting on Friday afternoon, to take a photo of Year R for a special starting school edition, to be published at a later date. Please let us know if you do not want your child to take part in this event.



Our Learning this Week

This week we will be introducing the meaning of our school values - helpfulness, friendship, fairness and respect. We will also continue with learning about rules and routines to help embed acceptable behaviour and develop strong friendships within our class - a foundation for a continued happy school life. Year R will take part in initial sound skills in phonics work, matching and sorting items which start with the same letter. They will also be learning about the correct articulation of sounds, finding out about how the lips, teeth and tongue are used to produce clear patterns of sound. Year 1 will use phonic skills to write correct letter sounds in words, along with capital letters, full stops and finger spaces in sentence work. They will be aiming for 3 or more sentences in their written work in their first term of school. All children will continue to work on name writing. In maths Year R will work on recognising numerals to 10, counting out the correct amount of objects to match. Year 1 will complete missing numbers in a sequence, count forwards and backwards to 10 or 20 as able, and also work on reading and writing worded numbers, too. Some math games we will use in class are: <http://www.ictgames.com/newduckshoot.html> and also <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/caterpillar-ordering>, then select the sequencing game. Our worship theme this week is centred upon thinking about our gifts and talents, and how the greatest gift God has given to each of us is the gift of love. You may like to share the parable of the Three Talents with your child.

