

# Year R Newsletter - Issue 2

## Reading Books

Thank you for being so supportive with your children in their reading this term. We really enjoy seeing the books the children are enjoying at home and it is lovely to see so many children applying their knowledge of letters and spotting them in their Home Readers.

## Phonics

Phonics lessons have now begun and children are learning the sounds the letter shapes make. Phonics is often something that greatly concerns parents because it's not something that we, as adults, are particularly familiar with. But fear not, we will be sending out some information sheets very soon. If you are a fan of google and lets face it, we all are, pop 'Letters and Sounds' in your search engine (we are currently learning Phase 2) and lots of information will pop up. A lot of the children start school with some phonic knowledge so our main focus is ensuring that children pronounce the sounds clearly and precisely. Please watch this YouTube video to see the correct pronunciation: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqhXUW\\_v-1s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqhXUW_v-1s)

## Lacey Library

Each Friday afternoon (weather permitting) a Year R class will be visiting the Lacey Library. If you are able to volunteer to walk the children to and from the Library with us then please let your child's class teacher know. The next visits are shown below.

Class 1 – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Class 2 – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Class 3 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

## PE

The children have been enjoying playing teamwork games and learning to follow hall rules. We have been learning to make shapes with our bodies and practising our balancing. There are still children who are attending school on a PE day with earrings in and not taped up. Please ensure you remove your child's earrings on their PE day or tape them to ensure that they are safe.

Class 1 – Thursday

Class 2 – Wednesday

Class 3 - Tuesday

## Parents Evening

We have really enjoyed spending time talking about how well your children have settled. We are very proud of our Year R children and how quickly they have settled into school routines. It has been especially lovely to hear that many children are telling their adults daily about the things they have learnt in school which shows how excited they are about their learning.