

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. So far we have taught the children the following sounds: s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c. We are beginning to make simple words with these sounds e.g. sat, pin, dog, cat and encouraging the children to have a go at reading and writing them. Phonics is often something that greatly concerns parents because it's not something that we, as adults, are particularly familiar with. If you are a fan of google, type 'Letters and Sounds' in your search engine (we are currently learning Phase 2) and lots of information will pop up. A lot of 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

PE

The children have been enjoying playing warm up 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.

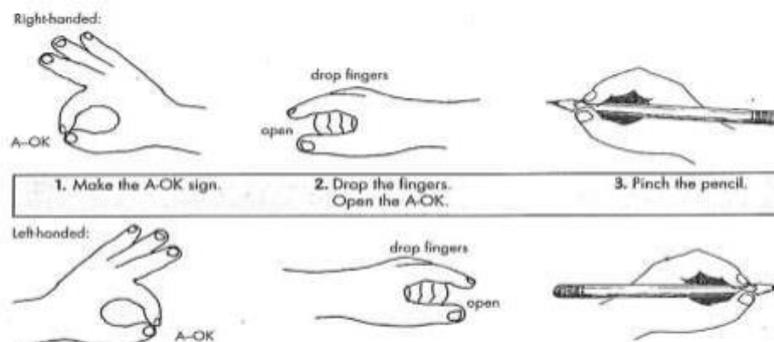
Class 1 – Tuesday

Class 2 – Wednesday

Class 3 - Thursday

Pencil Grip

As the children do more and more mark making in school we will be helping them to hold their pencil (or mark making tool) correctly. We will be giving out a booklet about this at parents evening but can we also ask that you work hard to correct this at home. Please see the diagram below.



There is also a video explaining this on YouTube (this is an American video but the pencil grip is the same) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eq6ggYR-aeY>

Reminder: Wet Weather Clothes

The children can access the outdoor learning environment at any stage in the day. We still encourage this on rainy days so it is helpful if your child has a set of **labelled** wet weather clothes (wellie boots, rain mac or puddle suit) that they can **keep on their peg** for these occasions.

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 – 11th October

Class 2 – 18th October

Class 3 – 25th October

School website

Our school website is packed with information about school life, we keep it up to date with what is going on in school. Keep checking as we add more content about our school learning experiences.

www.langstoneinfants.co.uk

Messy Church

St Cuthbert's Messy Church (Lichfield Road, Copnor, PO3 6DE) is happening this Saturday 5th October 2019, 2:00-4:00pm. All families are welcome for free craft activities, games, and light refreshments. This month our theme is Harvest, there will be: bird feeders to make, bubble wrap printing, cocktails, table football, and much more.

Regards, St Cuthbert's Church