

Foundation Stage News

July 7th 2023

An invitation to our Early Years Picnic

It is nearly time for our annual Early Years Picnic event. We invite you, your child, and any siblings, to join us on the school field on:



Wednesday 19th July

from

3:30pm to 4:30pm



We have invited our 2023/2024 Reception children and families to join us, as well as our lovely staff from Year One who are excited to get to know you all.

Please bring a picnic, a rug and the sunshine too!

Books we shared this week

Below are the books we have shared this week. It is always good to revisit these books at home so that you can have conversations with your child about their experiences in school. If you do not have these books at home you may be able to find them at your local library or often there are video versions by searching the title on YouTube.



'What the Ladybird Heard Next' *by Julia Donaldson*

'Lara the Yellow Ladybird' by Catherine Holtzhausen

'Are you a Ladybug?' by Judy Allen and Tudor Humphries

Exploring time

Through the story of 'The Bad Tempered Ladybird' by Eric Carle, the children have been exploring the concept and language of time.

We looked at the features on a clock face, noticing the small hand, the big hand, the numerals, the biggest number and the smallest number.

In Reception, the children do not learn to 'tell the time', rather we support your child to learn to understand and use the following time-related words by modelling them in our own talk:

yesterday	today	tomorrow		
	now	next	later	
			before	after

You can support your child in the same way through your everyday conversation, through roleplay or when reading stories together.

Meet your child's new teachers

The Year One teachers have been absolutely delighted by how well your children have managed their two visits to Key Stage One this week. The children had a lovely time exploring their new learning environment and meeting the staff who will be working with them next year.

On Tuesday 18th July, they will enjoy their final transition visit to Year One in the afternoon. On this day, you will collect your child from the 'Infant Block' at 3:15pm and will be invited to take a look inside and meet the Year One teachers.

Summer holiday reading

At the end of next week, we will be collecting all reading books back in ready for our end of year audit. We recommend however that you continue to provide your child with a regular reading routine during the holidays in order that they can maintain the superb progress they have made this year. You can access a selection of reading books on the Oxford Owl website. Please use this link to take you to the login page: <u>https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk</u>

Please select the 'login' tab at the top right-hand corner of the page, then enter the following details to access the reading books (please leave spaces as below):

Username: ash elm 2021 Password: lockdown2

Please click on the 'Read Write Inc eBooks' tab which will take you to a selection of RWI reading books of differing levels.







Celebrating children's learning

Arthur, you are a super Stick-a-saurus! You have been working SO hard to learn your Special Friends sounds. We were very impressed this week when you showed us how many new sounds you have learned.





Home learning fun 🛶

Ryley had a fun time on Dartmoor swimming in the river. He caught a little fish with his net and his Aunty said it was a baby trout! Ryley, we hear you were super gentle with this little fish and carefully returned it to the river afterwards. What a super biologist you are!









Wow Evelyn! Look at you go on your bike!

We hear you have been a real Stick-a-saurus, practising this new skill. It looks like your grown ups can't quite keep up with you, speedy lady!

Read Write Inc. home learning:



Please open the links below to access your child's phonics home learning.

Special Friend ir

Spelling with Special Friend ir

Red Words

Read and Hold a Sentence I

Have a lovely weekend!