

# Foundation Stage News

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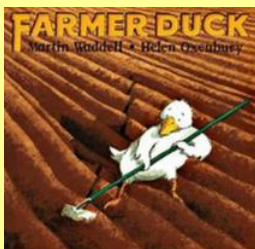
## Well done everyone!

We have had another wonderful 4 days with your children. They have all done so well on their first few days of full-time school.

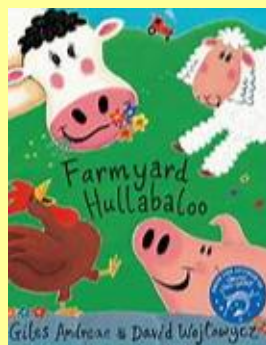
It is totally normal to still have a few tears sometimes, especially with saying goodbye. Don't worry because we are all here to help the children at these times, and to work with you to make their goodbyes as easy as possible. We make sure that they are soon happy and playing and learning with their friends. If your child is still finding saying goodbye hard you might want to supply one clearly named soft toy for them to hold to ease the transition. This is the **only** toy that should now be coming into school. Please discourage any other toys coming in now.

## Books we shared this week

Each week we will share a collection of quality books with the children. They may be stories or information books. We try to link our books to the different areas of learning to help the children to deepen their understanding and to broaden their vocabulary. We also choose stories with no obvious link, just for pleasure. Below are the books we have shared this week. This week the children will have shared 2 of these books with an adult. 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.



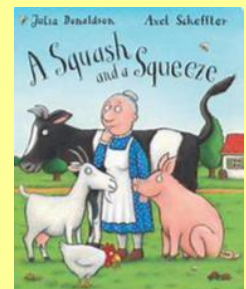
'Farmer Duck'  
by Martin Waddell



'Farmyard Hullabaloo'  
by Giles Andreae



'Colour Monster'  
by Anna Llenas



A 'Squash and a Squeeze'  
by Julia Donaldson

# Your child's school belongings

Your child needs to bring the following items into school every day:

- a school book bag (no rucksacks please as we cannot store them easily)
- a coat suitable for the weather
- a water bottle

Please ensure all of your child's belongings are clearly named – please don't forget to name their shoes and socks as they will frequently remove them for sand-play and many of these items look the same. A permanent marker will do the trick nicely – we can do this for you on request.

To help your child recognise their book bag we recommend you attach one small keyring or tie a special ribbon to the handle.

## The end of the school day

Please don't forget to come right up to the gates at home time. We might need to speak to you, and this saves us from shouting out to you!

## Read Write Inc. Phonics



Next week we will introduce the pictures and words the children will need in order to go on to learn the letters p, g, o, c, k, u (pirate, girl, orange, caterpillar, kangaroo, and umbrella).

### 'Understanding Phonics'

Please take the time to watch these very short phonics videos for parents which will help explain what your child will be learning:

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/8QljbdLM/gIR8Zp80>



## Book to Share

We will soon be introducing your children to our 'Book to Share' library. Each day your child can choose a book to bring home and read with you. Please ensure your child puts their book back into their book bag in order to return it to school and swap it for another. We understand that accidents sometimes happen with our books. Please can you let us know if a book has been damaged so that we can make sure it doesn't go back into our library. Below is a link to a super-quick but informative video from Ruth Miskin (Read Write Inc.) which highlights the life-long benefits of reading each day with your child:

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/qbfemV7S/YTZ0WxNq>



# Our learning this week

The children have been busy making new friends, practising how to share and take turns, exploring their new learning environment and taking care of the learning resources.

Here are some photographs from our first busy weeks in school.



Have a lovely weekend!