

Friday 20th October

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We can't believe we have reached the end of the children's first half term at school! It is amazing to see how well they have settled into school life and the progress they are already making.

Today, your child will have come home with a new reading book with words. These books support our phonics scheme and allow the children to apply their phonic knowledge. Please aim to read a minimum of 3x per week. You do not need to read the whole book in one go, just a couple of pages is enough. We do however encourage you to reread the book during the course of the week. This repetition is so important to help children build up their confidence and fluency.

Each half term the staff at Gothic Mede award a Values ambassador for each class. These are children who consistently live our school values and are seen as role models to the rest of their classes and the school. This week, the first Values Ambassadors of the year were announced. We were really proud of Leo from Oak class and Joshua from Ash class who were awarded these roles.

To end our first half term of forest school the camp fire was lit! The children enjoyed watching the fire whilst sitting around basecamp and toasting marshmallows over the flames. The children then sandwiched their marshmallow between chocolate biscuits to make smores. It was a lovely treat!



Reminders: Please can you ensure every item of clothing is **named**, including shoes and that there is suitable clothing for indoor (shorts & tshirt) and outdoor (trousers, t shirt & jumper) PE. It is also a good time to check that name labels are still intact in your child's school clothes and any unnamed clothes and shoes are labelled.

Managing their own basic hygiene and personal needs, including dressing and going to the toilet and understanding the importance of healthy food choices is one of the Early years goals which your child will be assessed against at the end of the academic year. Please continue to support your child with these essential skills at home, encouraging increasing independence.

We hope you have a restful half term,

Mrs Webber, Mrs Undrell , Mrs Britton and the Reception Team