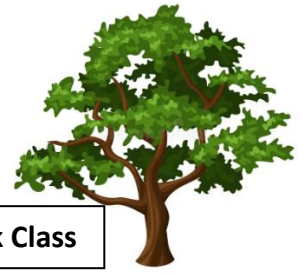
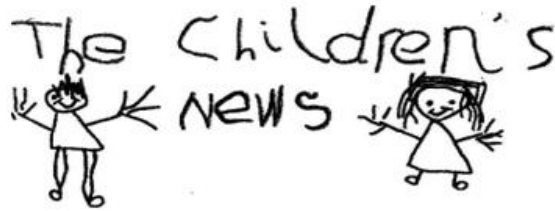


Ash Class



Oak Class

27th September 2024

We have enjoyed a busy couple of weeks in Ash and Oak classes. We have been focusing on the topic 'All About Me'. The children have enjoyed telling us about themselves when sharing their Chatterboxes and last week, everyone made a self-portrait using materials that they had chosen from around the classroom. We had some very imaginative creations. This week, the children have been telling us all about their families and drawing pictures of them. Some children are also beginning to be able to write labels for their pictures 'mum, dad, cat' etc. We have been encouraging them to speak in full sentences and add in extra detail. We have thought about what makes a family and talked about how all families are different. We take all opportunities to explore diversity through conversations and high quality texts. Next week, we will begin to think about 'People Who Help Us' and talk about doctors, dentists, nurses, firefighters, police and other emergency workers. We will be setting up a 'vets' roleplay area too.

Why not have a chat about who is in your family. What relation are they to your child? Where do they live? Are all families exactly the same? What makes them different?



Both Oak and Ash class have enjoyed their first visit to Forest School. They have enjoyed exploring all the different activities out there and talking about what they can see and do when there. The children love being outside in nature and learn so much. A session out in forest school helps the children to develop in all areas of the EYFS Curriculum; Communication and Language, Personal Social and Emotional Development, Fine/ Gross Motor skills, English, Maths, Knowledge and Understanding of the World and Being Creative and Imaginative.

Thank you so much for sending your child in with clothing suitable for Forest School. At this time of year, the weather is so changeable so please do send your child in with layers of clothes and waterproofs/ wellies. Please do send them in clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. Many thanks.

Both classes really enjoyed their first visit to the Library over the last two weeks. To allow the children a bit longer enjoying our library the books will be changed fortnightly.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be carrying out the Reception Baseline Assessments (RBA) with each child. These are short, fun, interactive assessments that give the teachers the opportunity to work 1:1 with your child to find out their starting points and help us to plan to meet their needs. Please see the attached leaflet from the Department for Education giving you more information about this.

Phonics

The children continue to impress us during their phonics lessons. So far the children have learnt the sounds, **s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c** and **k**. They have also learnt the 'Harder to Read and Spell words'; **a, the, no, l, put, of** and **is**.

This video demonstrates how we teach the sounds in phonics and how to pronounce them.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCI2mu7URBc>

In every Phonics lesson, we practise forming the letters. Each letter has a handy little rhyme that helps the child to form the letter correctly. Please see the document sent out with this newsletter – we are currently working on Phase 2. Please do encourage your child to mark-make and write as often as they can and when they want to form a particular letter, you can remind them of the formation.

Next week we will be learning **ck, e, u** and **r**.



Maths

The children started their first maths lessons last week in which they explored sorting and matching. They have enjoyed playing matching games and sorting different objects into groups. A great way to support your child at home with this would be to play a game of matching pairs or even get them to help sort the washing into groups. We would love to see this on Tapestry!

Homework/ Show & Tell;

Please practise reading (or share a book together) **every day** and practice recognising the harder to read and spell words listed above.

Maths task; Please see the attached task. Please share any tasks you complete on Tapestry by half term (25th October)

Forest School dates

Tuesday 1st Oct – Oak

Tuesday 8th Oct – Ash

Tuesday 15th Oct – Oak

Tuesday 22nd Oct - Ash

Thank you

A huge thank you to the family of Flo Scott for your very generous gift of books for the setting.

Diary dates

Wednesday 2nd October – SEND Coffee Morning 9-10am

Friday 4th October – School Harvest Festival assembly. Please send food donations in with your child.

Monday 28th Oct- Friday 1st Nov – Half Term Holiday

Tuesday 19th Nov & Thursday 21st Nov – Parent Consultation evenings (more info to follow)

Important Reminders:

- We are finding that some children are bringing in large amounts of food at snack time. The children's snack time is not long before lunch so they really only need one snack such as a piece of fruit.
- Please can you make sure the children's jumpers and cardigans are named so that we can return them at the end of the day.
- Thank you for your patience at pick up time. The children are asked to wait in line until they get to the front so that we can ensure all children are safely sent home. On occasion, a different adult may be releasing the children from class and it is important we ensure they go to the correct adult. Please can we ask that you only wave to your child when they reach the front of the line as it can be confusing for the adults sending the children home.