



A Bright Future For Myself, My School and My Community



Communication and Language

The children will be looking at the topic based on 'Light and Dark'. This is an exciting topic to focus on. We will share many stories that link with light and dark.

Children will develop their communication and language skills by listening to these and sharing their thoughts and experiences that link to the books. Please continue to talk with your child at home about stories to develop their language and listening skills.

Understanding the World

The children enjoy talking about festivals that they celebrate with their families. As our topic is based on 'Light and Dark' we will talk about festivals that celebrate light, such as Diwali. We will also encourage children to talk about past experiences they have celebrated with their families.

Physical Development

Children in Reception are encouraged on a daily basis to write their name in cursive letters. Please see the 'Phonics' link on the school website to support your child to write these letters correctly. We also encourage children to hold their pencil with good control and the correct grip. Please see diagram.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children have made some great friendships and we are very proud of how well they have settled. They beginning to learn to share and take turns and they are using kind manners. We would like you at home to encourage your child to help you tidy up at home and give lots of praise when they do help you.



Dear Parents,

November 2018

We are very proud of the progress Reception children have made this term. Please continue to use the school website for ways to support teaching phonics at home with your child.

**Please don't forget to come to the
Reading/Phonics workshop on Wednesday the
7th of November at 8.45**

Our topic this term is based on Light and Dark. We will look at what gives us light, creating pieces of art work such as lanterns and Diva candles as well as discussing nocturnal animals.

We are very excited about our trip to Black Park on Friday 16th November 2017. Please make payments via parent pay ASAP and let the teachers know if you will be able to help us on that day.

If you have not already done so please could you bring in spare clothes for your child in case they have a toileting accident.

Please check your child's book bag for letters and library books. Library books will be changed on a Friday.

Ms Wilkinson, Mrs Sabat and Mrs Crawford

Also, please remind your child that we must look after our school and that the toys we play with must stay here for us to all share.

Mathematical development

The children will focus on using the language of 'more' and 'less'. We will also work on problem - solving activities to find 'one more than' and 'one less than' a number. Sing lots of number songs at home with your children to support this skill. There are many wonderful songs such as 'Five Little Speckled Frogs', 'Five Currant Buns' and 'Ten Green Bottles'.

Literacy

Books for this term:

Please take your child to the library or watch these stories with your child at home on 'You Tube'. Talk about the stories with your child to develop their language skills: Peace at Last, Owl Babies, Day Monkey Night Monkey and Stickman

Expressive arts and design

Children will have opportunities to use a range of materials to create lanterns, firework displays, fireflies, the moon and many more exciting creations, linked to light and dark. Please spend time at home using materials to create art with your child. It is important that your child uses their imagination and is creative with junk modelling such as boxes, bottles, lids, paper, string etc.