



WELCOME TO YEAR R! AUTUMN TERM



Welcome to Year R. We are really looking forward to getting to know the children and their families over the coming year. We hope you will be able to join us for the parent workshops and enjoy sharing your child's learning. The children have made a great start to school life and are enjoying exploring their new environments and making new friends.

Year R Staff

Seahorse Class - Class Teacher Mrs Munday, LSA's - Miss Sword, Mrs Pitt (am) and Miss Sceal (pm)

Jellyfish Class - Class Teachers Mrs Barry (Monday & Tuesday) Mrs Paice (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday), LSA's - Mrs Fitzpatrick, Mrs Luff, Mrs Walrond (temp)

Behaviours for Learning we are focusing on:

- * Respecting our environment.
- * I can tidy away my resources when I have finished with them.
- * I can listen to others.



Please remember PE kit

- ◆ White T- shirt
- ◆ Black tracksuit bottoms for outdoors in the Winter
- ◆ Black shorts for indoor PE
- ◆ Trainers or plimsolls



All items named in a named bag

Year R have PE on a Monday and Thursday. PE kits can stay in school all half term. We will send them home at the end of each half term. If you would like to wash it during the term that is absolutely fine just remember to return them for a Monday.

Earrings **must be removed** for PE. Hampshire policies have changed and we are no longer able to tape them or remove them ourselves.

It would be really useful to have a pair of named wellington boots in school because we do access the outside learning environment - no matter what the weather is like.

Seahorse class will be doing Forest school this half term on a **Wednesday**



YEAR R NEWSLETTER AND CURRICULUM UPDATE



Key Diary Dates:

Friday 27th September - Coffee and chat – time to meet other parents, chat to teachers and ask any questions.

Monday 7th October - Parent meetings

Wednesday 9th October - Parent meetings

Thursday 10th October - Parent meetings

Friday 11th October - Tapestry workshop

Friday 18th October - INSET DAY (school closed)

Monday 21st October - Phonics workshop

HALF TERM – 28th October – 1st November

Tuesday 12th November - Reading workshop

Thursday 21st November - Seahorse class assembly

Thursday 28th November - Jellyfish class assembly

Wednesday 4th December - Writing workshop

Monday 16th December - Carol Service

Friday 20th December - Christmas lunch

Friday 20th December - Last day of term

BIRTHDAYS

When it is your child's birthday they are allowed to wear non school uniform to make their day a little more special.

Happy Birthday



For the first couple of weeks we will carry out our base line assessments and will share any information with you at the first parents evening.

We open our classroom doors at 8.30am...if you need a quick word, please pop in to see us. If you would like longer to speak to us, please make an appointment via the school office. Working together is really important!

What we will be learning about?

Literacy

This half-term we will be learning about ourselves. We will focus on healthy eating, our families and what makes us special. We will create our family tree, write about what makes a good friend and practice writing our names. We will write Autumn poems using adjectives. We will begin to learn our phonics sounds. We will also send book bags with their first reading book home. Don't forget every time they read to note it in the reading diary. Every read counts!



Mathematics

Once we have completed our base line assessments we will focus on the number system, introducing the children to Numicon. We will begin with recognising numbers to 10 and progress onto 20 and counting out a given amount. We will look at pattern and introduce the children to Numicon. We will also start to use maths scheme 'Power Maths'.

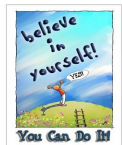
Learning Quests

Autumn 1st Half - Marvellous Me!

- ◆ We will learn about our family trees
- ◆ We will draw an oil pastel portrait
- ◆ We will learn about healthy eating
- ◆ We will learn how to stay healthy
- ◆ We will make clay friends

Autumn 2nd Half - Once Upon a Rhyme, Awesome Autumn

- ◆ We will Learn various rhymes
- ◆ We will learn rhyming words
- ◆ We will make DT craft activities
- ◆ We will go on an Autumn walk
- ◆ We will learn how to colour mix
- ◆ We will create Autumn craft pictures



Home Learning

Each half-term the children will be given a set of home learning challenges. We encourage the children to complete as many of them as they can during the half term. They will also be given key words to learn. Reading is also important and we recommend (at least 4 times a week). Don't forget to record it in the reading diaries. We will then be able to change their reading book for a new one.