



Mundella Primary School

Foundation Stage Newsletter - Autumn Term 2 2024

Our new topic for this half term will be: **Special Times**. Please see the Homework Grid attached for some learning activities you can do at home linked to what we will be learning about in school.

First half term: We want to start by saying a massive thank you to all parents and carers. Your children have made a brilliant start to their education and we are so proud of the way they have settled into school. Your support has been invaluable and we know it has helped the children to make a happy and safe transition into school life.

Learning Journeys: When your child is independently learning through play, the teachers in the class observe the children and gently move their learning forward to help them make progress. To ensure all children get observed we will be observing 3 focus children a week. You will receive a letter informing you when your child is a focus child for that week and we will be asking you to give us some information about your child. This helps us to get a rounded view of your child at that moment in time!

Phonics Homework - Phonics homework will be sent out every Friday. The homework sheet is for you to keep at home so you can refer back to it, knowing what sounds/words your child has learnt.

Homework Grid - This half term we will be sending out a homework grid that will have a selection of activities for your child to do that correlates with the learning that will be happening in class. You can pick and choose which ones you do or work through them as a tick list. It is completely up to you how you use it. Please bring in any homework pieces your child has completed in the last week of term so we can celebrate it in class.

Reading Books: All children will be receiving a reading book throughout the term. We ask that you try to listen to your child read at least 3 times a week. Don't feel that you have to read the whole book, just a couple of pages will do! Don't forget to record in yellow books when your child has read, if your child does read 3 times a week they will get a thumbs up. Your child will get their reading book changed once a week. Please keep reading books in book bags- many thanks ☺

Library Books: Your child will also start to bring home a 'reading for pleasure' book from our school library. The idea of this book is that you share a story together with your child, rather than them reading the book themselves. Library books will be changed once a week. Please make sure library books are in bags

Blue Stars: We would love to hear about the special achievements your child does at home, these could be anything from sharing with their siblings or learning to ride their bike. The blue stars will be available on the windowsill next to the door where you drop your child off. Please hand them in to a member of staff and we will read the blue star in class and congratulate your child on their triumphs.

Junk Modelling: We are always in need of small cardboard boxes for our workshop area. Please do make sure that the boxes have no traces of nuts or seeds.

Parents Evening: Tuesday 12th and Thursday 21st November 3:30- 7pm.

Thank you as always for your continued and valued support, The Foundation Stage Team ☺