



Year R Autumn 1:

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to our school. We are here to support your child's learning and development every step of the way. Our staff are always happy to help with any questions or concerns you may have, so please don't hesitate to get in touch. We hope these newsletters help you feel informed and involved in your child's learning journey throughout the year.

Reading in School



Reading

Your child will be bringing home a library book for you to share together. The books will go out on a Wednesday and we ask that you bring them back into school on a Tuesday.

What is this topic about?

During the first half-term, we encourage the children to share information about themselves, their families and their interests. Our first topic is "**Celebrate Me!**"

Through this theme, we focus on building friendships and developing positive relationships within our school community by getting to know one another, sharing experiences and learning to play cooperatively.

We also use a range of familiar nursery rhymes to explore rhyming, counting and singing, helping children develop their early language and mathematical skills in a fun and engaging way. Many of the stories we share encourage children to become confident storytellers by joining in with repeated phrases, acting out events and retelling stories in their own words, supporting the development of their communication, language and imagination.

Key dates:

Monday 21st September - Getting to know you coffee morning.
Tuesday 22nd September - Flu vaccinations
Thursday 24th September - Individual school photos
Thursday 24th September - Phonics Workshop for Parents 2.30pm
Wednesday 21st October: Nursery Rhyme Dress up day & Stay & Play
Friday 23rd October: INSET Day
Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October: Half Term
Thursday 3rd December Nativity Rehearsal at church
Friday 4th December Nativity Performance

Key messages:

P.E.: Our P.E. day is Friday. Our first PE lesson will be after half-term, and we will send a reminder closer to the date. We will ask you to send your children to school in their PE kits, which they will wear for the entire day. For health and safety reasons, please ensure that children do not wear jewellery on these days and have a hair band to tie back long hair. Please note that wearing PE kits to school is a different arrangement from the rest of the school.

Ways to Help at Home

There are so many things you can work on at home to help us learn every day: help your child to read and write their own name (a capital letter to start, then lower case), practise fine motor skills like using scissors, playing with playdough and rolling balls, squeezing it and making snakes with it and encouraging your child to use the correct pencil grip.



Coffee Morning 9-10 21st Sept

Have a cuppa and a chat with us.





Online safety:

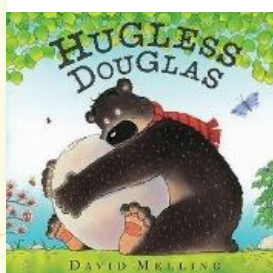
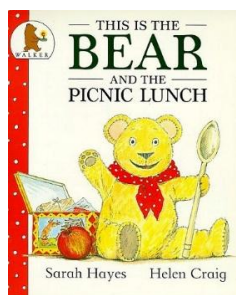
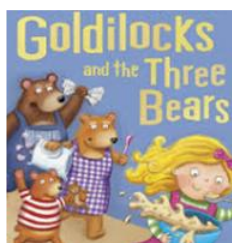
A new school year is a great time to review your family's screen-time and online routines. Simple habits, such as keeping devices out of bedrooms at night, agreeing when and where technology can be used, and regularly talking about what children are doing online, can make a big difference.

Remember, many games, apps and social media platforms have age restrictions that are there to help protect children. We encourage parents and carers to check age ratings and parental controls before allowing children to access new games or apps.

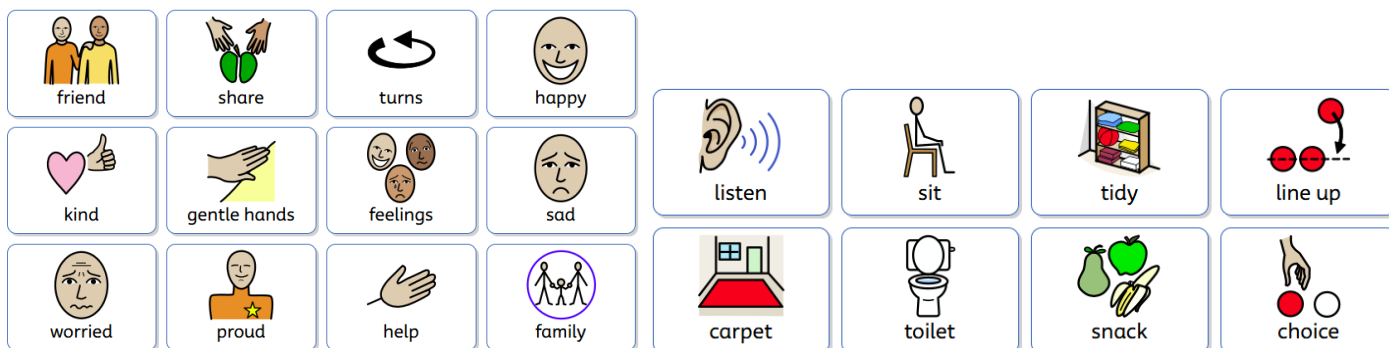
For helpful, practical advice, visit **Internet Matters**, which has guides to popular games and apps as well as step-by-step instructions for setting up parental controls.



This terms texts:



Key Vocabulary:





Children's toys and items from home:

Please support the school by ensuring that children are not bringing in any items from home such as toys, pencil cases and elaborate key chains etc. Toys can easily become lost or damaged and often cause disagreements between children. The school will not take responsibility for personal items. Thank you for your support in helping us keep a calm and happy learning environment.



Marlborough Smart uniform reminders:

We know the impact that pride in our uniform has on the pupils' learning attitude. We ask for your support in ensuring that children are Marlborough Smart by ensuring they are in the correct uniform each day.

Please see below some key reminders:

- Children are only permitted to wear one pair of earrings which must be studs. These must be removed or covered with tape provided on PE days.
- Children should be wearing black or grey school trousers/ skirt/ dress daily. **Leggings and jogging bottoms are not permitted.**
- Children should wear a white polo shirt which is different from their PE top.
- Nail polish and temporary tattoos must be removed before coming to school.
- Hair which is shoulder length or longer must be tied up.
- A blue cardigan or jumper should be worn in school. Hoodies are not part of the uniform policy.
- Your child needs to wear plain, black shoes. Please see some examples below. Contact us if you're not sure.
- For PE, your child should have a white plain t-shirt, black shorts or leggings and suitable trainers. Joggers are permitted for outdoor PE.

