## Next week we will be learning...

- To take turns and negotiate with each other, share our learning resources and put them away in the correct places.
- In maths we will be doing our baseline assessments and lots of counting work!
- Our short daily phonics sessions will focus on Phase 1. This is the foundational step in learning to read and write, focusing on developing children's speaking and listening skills rather than on letters or sounds. It involves activities that help children become aware of sounds in the environment, in music, and in words, including identifying patterns, rhymes, and rhythms.
- We will be going on a listening walk around the school.

**Ways you can help at home / Information**

- We are awaiting our final permission slips for Tapestry. If you need a form, please speak to a member of staff. We hope to send out activation emails next week.
- We will continue to carry out a statutory baseline assessment on all children as mentioned in last week's EY newsletter. More details are available at: Reception baseline assessment: information for parents - GOV.UK
- We hope to start our Forest School sessions, the week commencing 22nd September. This will take place every Wednesday afternoon. More details to follow.
- We have sent the children home with a reading record and a 'family read' today. The 'family read' is for you to share with your child and encourage the joy of reading. It is not for them to read to you. The children will select this book themselves. If your child returns their family read every Friday, they will have the option to change it. We will send home reading books once we have completed our baseline and phonics assessments.
- We have a daily snack time every morning. The government provide a free piece of fruit or vegetable for every child and milk for all 4 year olds. The children can also choose to drink from their water bottle at this time. We have no control over the items we are sent. In the Autumn / Summer we are generally sent apples, bananas, carrots, satsumas, tomatoes, pears or sugar snap peas. We encourage all children to try the fruit / vegetables, and most do, but we appreciate that some children will choose not to have the school fruit / vegetable. With this in mind and in line with whole school policy, children can bring in a fruit-based snack (preferably a piece of fruit) to eat at snack time. In line with current guidance for under 5s, please can we ask that grapes and blueberries are cut in half. Please can you remind your child if you are sending them in with a snack as we are unable to check individual bags. When selecting your fruit-based snack, we would remind you that we are a nut-free school and we have children in EYs with severe nut allergies. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.
- Mrs Woodcock and Mrs Holland will be holding a phonics information meeting at school on Thursday 9th at 2.25 - 3pm. This will give us a chance to introduce our school phonics scheme "Supersonic Phonic Friends" and talk about our phonics sessions. We will also talk about early reading and how you can help your child at home. All welcome.
- Dates for your diaries

  Fri 3rd October – Harvest Festival at the church. Arrangements will be in the whole school newsletter. Parents are welcome to attend, however children will remain at school after the church service.

  Tues 7th Oct – Individual photographs.

  Thurs 23rd Oct – PTFA school disco EY / Yr 1 – 3.30 (children will be escorted to disco by EY staff) – 4.15pm. More details to follow.

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