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Foundation Stage Autumn Curriculum Newsletter 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome to Foundation Stage at Meltham CE Primary School!

The children have settled into their new classes exceptionally well and we are really looking forward to our autumn-inspired learning.

The topics that we will be looking at this half term are 'All about me', 'Owl babies' by Martin Waddell and the whole school book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. In Literacy, we are learning to recognise and write our full names, mark make with meaning and purpose and to confidently communicate with adults and peers about our own experiences. In maths, we are looking at recognising numbers, ordering numbers and amounts of objects and touch counting correctly. We will be sharing books with the children and discussing the features of them e.g. title, blurb, author, illustrations. The children have lots of opportunities to explore and play in a variety of different areas in both classrooms. Through play, the children will learn how to share, take turns and play cooperatively with others.

Curriculum meeting

You are invited to our Foundation Stage curriculum meeting on **Wednesday 25th September**. This will take place at school in our main hall at 6pm. This is chance for us to let you know what your child will be learning, what Foundation Stage looks like throughout the year and how you can support your child in Foundation Stage.

Reading books

Exciting news! We aim to begin sending reading books home before October half term.

To start, your child may receive a 'talk about' book. This is a book without words. They are designed to allow your child to tell a story through their own words. Lots of conversation is encouraged between the adult and child in order for your child to demonstrate a good understanding of the story through pictures. Read with your child daily, write the date and a comment in the yellow reading diary and keep their book in their book bag each day. We will give more information on reading books in the coming weeks.

Reading Champions

It is a good idea to start getting into the habit of a regular daily reading time, and writing in the yellow diaries, as after the half term holidays we will be starting 'Reading Champions'. The children will then be working towards achieving 30 reads at home before the Christmas holidays. Each time a 'read' is recorded in your yellow reading diary (max 2 per day), it will be counted on our class chart. If your child reaches 30 reads in the half term, they will be celebrated in our 'Reading Champions' assembly in the last week of term, and they will receive a smart certificate and a much coveted furry reading bug. The idea behind Reading Champions is to emphasize how vital it is to read daily and to foster a love of stories and books that will last a lifetime.

I wonder who will be the first on our class chart to reach 30 reads!

PE

PE sessions will be starting on a **Tuesday** from **Tuesday 17th September** and will now run through the whole of the autumn term. Our last PE session will be on Tuesday 10th December. Please bring your child to school in their PE kit every Tuesday for this term.

Our PE kit consist of: a dark blue or black plain zip up hoodie, a plain white t-shirt, plain dark blue or black jogging bottoms and black running trainers.

PE is a great opportunity for the children to take part in games, learn to use sports equipment and improve their gross motor skills.

All About Me topic – Me Box

For our topic 'All About Me', we have a series of 'Show and Tell' sessions, where the children have the chance to share with the class a little bit about themselves. The children can decorate a shoe box (or similar) at home, and fill it with 5 or 6 special items which they can confidently talk about to the class. These could include items related to;

- My family
- My pets
- My favourite foods / place
- My favourite hobbies / music
- My special things (e.g. special clothes, baby items, cuddly toy etc)

Please bring the completed 'Me Box' into school on **Monday 30th September**.

We will Show and Tell the boxes over the week and send them home when complete. We are looking forward to seeing them!

Welly Day

Each year group will participate in a Welly Day once a term. Our Welly Day will be on **Wednesday 23rd October**. Our whole year group will spend the day together exploring our grounds, making autumn crafts and learning lots about the change in the season. On this day, your child will need to come dressed **comfortable, old clothes** (no uniform needed) as we plan to get a little muddy. Please also bring waterproof trousers/puddlesuit, a warm, waterproof coat and of course, wellies. We will plan to be outside all day, so please ensure your child will be warm.

Stay and Play

Each term we enjoy inviting our grown-ups into our classrooms to see the exciting things we get up to! There will be lots of activities for you to have a go at and anything you make, you can take home! We ask that a maximum of two adults per child attend as we have a limited amount of space. Class 1's Stay and Play will be on **Tuesday 26th November** at 2.15pm and Class 2's Stay and Play will be on **Wednesday 27th November** at 2.15pm. Please arrive at the main entrance slightly before 2.15pm to sign in.

Water bottles

It's thirsty work in Foundation Stage so please ensure your child has a **NAMED** water bottle containing **WATER** each day.

Naming belongings

Please ensure all items of clothing and footwear are clearly named and recognisable to your child.

Communications

'Headlines' is the whole school newsletter which is emailed out to parents every other Friday. Please take the time to read it as it contains information about whole school events and important dates. Please make sure you have the Spider app and check frequently to be aware of reminders and also our Curriculum newsletters each term.

Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event:
Wednesday 25 th September	Introductory meeting 6pm
Monday 30 th September	Me Boxes into school
Thursday 3 rd October	Individual and family Tempest school photographs
Wednesday 23 rd October	Foundation Stage Welly Day
HALF TERM	Return to school Monday 4th November
Tuesday 5 th November	PE continues every Tuesday
Monday 18 th & Wednesday 20 th November	Parents evening
Tuesday 26 th November	Class 1 Stay and Play 2.15pm
Wednesday 27 th November	Class 2 Stay and Play 2.15pm
Thursday 28 th November	Sing Up assembly – parents invited
Friday 29th November	INSET DAY – school closed
Monday 16 th December	EYFS Nativity to parents 2.15pm
Tuesday 17 th December	EYFS Nativity to parents 9.30am
Thursday 19 th December	Singing round the tree – parents invited

Please feel free to ask if you have any queries or problems.

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Thank you for your continued support
The Foundation Stage team.

Class Teachers and Educational Teaching Assistants

Class 1 – Mrs Wimpenny & Mrs. Spittlehouse (PPA Mrs. Stier)

Class 2 – Mrs Osborne, Mrs Mottram & Mrs Charlton