

Foundation Stage Autumn 1 Newsletter

Attendance

Regular attendance is essential to ensure uninterrupted progress and to enable children to exceed their potential. We actively involve the children in achieving this by holding weekly assemblies with a reward for each class who has 100% attendance. Certificates are awarded termly and yearly for all children who achieve 100%. With these rewards in place, the children wholeheartedly strive to be part of the winning class and the support of each other is a pleasure to see; please support your child and ensure they are regular attenders.

Good attendance is important because: your child needs to be in the academy to be able to learn and achieve; lessons are taught in a sequence and it can be difficult to catch up if a lesson is missed; children need to have relationships with others and to form lasting friendships; it develops a child's confidence to attempt new work and to work alongside others.

Pupil Reward Points

Being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing!

The reward scheme allows children to earn points for showing 'Green Behaviour' which may consist of trying hard in their work, being courteous and polite (possibly holding a door open), showing respect to others, arriving at school in time for registration and having the correct uniform.

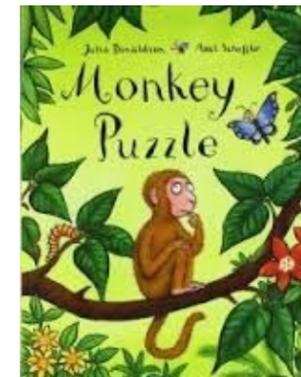
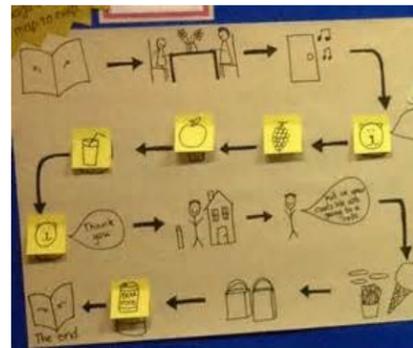
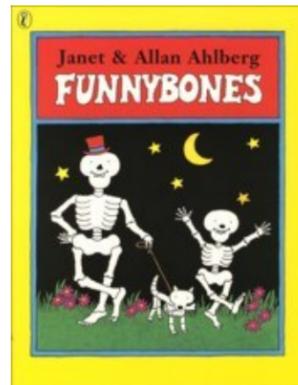
When children earn 10 green Frog points they will get a reward from the treasure box.



Writing

We use Talk for Writing to teach Literacy in the Foundation Stage. This is a multi sensory approach to Reading and Writing and gives children a deeper knowledge of the focus text.

Amongst others we will be studying the following books to support our "All about Me" Topic: FunnyBones and Monkey Business.



Maths

We have daily Maths sessions. Children will be focusing on the following areas over this half term: counting, writing, ordering and comparing numbers to 10.

The Foundation Stage learning to get better at **reasoning** within the Maths. This enables the children to explain how they get their answers and explores their investigative skills. It is an essential skill to have! One way to help children use their reasoning skills is within questioning, such as:

Why do you think.....?

How would you test (check)....?

What way will you add.....?

How would you use.....?

What can you say about.....?



Topic

Our topic is "All about Me".

We will be encouraging the children to talk about themselves and their friends and family and also discuss 'what we are made of' when we read FunnyBones.

If you have any photos of the children with friends or family for example at a Birthday party that could be donated for a display we would be very grateful.

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Homework

Homework and Reading Books will be sent each week.

Homework will be sent on Friday.

Reading Books will be sent out and changed weekly. Please try to read with your children 5 times a week. Even if it is just 5 minutes, it all counts.

