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Dear Parents/ Carers



Thank you for supporting us in settling your child into school. They have had a great start and have been busy learning lots of new rules and making new friends.

Important Dates

INSET Day - Friday 21st September

Reading workshop - 3.30-4.30

Tuesday 25th September

Come dine with me - Week beginning 8th October. Details to follow.

Bear Hunt story performance - last week of term, details to follow.

Tuesday 2nd October - deadline for Christmas Card orders.

Friday 19th October - last day of half term.

Important Messages

MONDAY 24th SEPTEMBER - children will be lining up on the playground at 8.45 once the bell has rung.

The children have all been so confident in the mornings that they are more than ready to come into school independently.

On **Monday 1st October** the School Nurse will be holding a drop-in clinic. If you have any concerns about your child, please attend.

Individual School Photographs will be taken on **Thursday 4th October**.

Our Topics this half term are:

All about me - Children will be discussing their families and friends.

We're Going on a Bear Hunt - Children will be learning and retelling the story. They will also be doing lots of learning activities linked to bears!

Year Team

Teachers: Miss Miles and Mrs Atkins

HLTAs and TAs:

Mrs Lennon, Mrs Llewellyn, Miss Hussain, Mrs Bennett and Mrs Kemp

This table shows what your children will be learning in each of the curriculum subjects this half term:

Areas of Learning	What the children will be learning
Mathematics	Learning about size, positional language, patterns, matching amounts and number formation
Literacy	Learning sounds that letters make (phonics), hearing initial sounds in words, talking about my writing (the marks I have made), learning that we read left to right, making sure we hold the book the correct way up and Learning about an author (Michael Rosen)
Physical development	Learning to dress and undress independently, how to hold a pencil correctly, knowing which hand we use to hold a pencil, copying letters and experimenting with different ways of moving (going on a bear hunt)

Personal, social and emotional development	Being confident to perform the story, listening to others and showing sensitivity to their needs and feelings, working as part of a class to perform class story, aware of the school rules and boundaries, sharing resources and playing in a group
Communication and language	Telling and performing a story, responding to instructions, Learning prepositions and Recreating roles and using our imagination (innovating the story)
Understanding the world	Finding out where bears live, care and concern for living things, using a simple computer programme
Expressive arts and design	Using different materials to make a collage, thinking about colours and using them appropriately, experimenting with different sized brushes and pens, acting out the story, roleplaying in the home corner

Year R PE Day

THURSDAY - Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school. We recommend that the PE kit is left at school and taken home each half term to be washed.

Year R Library Day

We will be going to the Library on **THURSDAYS**. Children will be coming home with a library book for you to share with each other. Please ensure the book is in their book bag on a Thursday so they can change it.

Homework

Home reading books will be being sent home today. We ask that when you have read with your child you record this in the reading log book. When children have read at home then they can get a sticker on their reading bookmark. This will be explained further at the reading workshop.

In the coming weeks children will also be coming home with a new sound each day and 2 new Tricky words each week. We ask that these are practised most days just for 5 minutes.

Year group notices

We have been learning how to use scissors and cut carefully this week. Some children have found this rather tricky both holding them and or cutting straight. It would be great if they could get some practise in at home too (supervised of course)!

Don't forget to check the Noticeboard by the blue gates for details of events that PAWS are hosting. The School Bank is also open from 8.30-9.00 on a Tuesday in the Rockpool area. Please visit if you wish to open a saving account for your child.

Many thanks for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,
The Rainbowfish Team

