

EYFS Welcome Meeting

Phonics

keep sound book in book bag

We teach phonics every day at Lethbridge through songs and actions. On Friday 28th September your child will take home their very own sound book containing the sounds learnt that week at school. Please practise these with your child regularly at home but please return them to school every day. These will be updated with new sounds on a weekly basis.

Handwriting

Cursive



We will teach correct letter formation alongside phonics, through directed and play activities. The school as a whole has made the decision to return to cursive writing to ensure that all letters are formed correctly from an early age and so all children have a secure foundation for joining up letters later in their life at school.

Reading Records

Please Sign

Books will be sent home on 21st September along with a tip sheet of what to do to support your child's reading.

Lilac books - it is very important to talk about the pictures (what you can see, what is happening, what might happen), describe the characters, build up vocab etc.

When you read with your child please date and sign. Your child will receive a reading prize when they have read 25 times at home (Only one read per day will be counted).

Books will be changed daily if needed therefore please encourage your child to put it into basket provided.



Keywords

We will send home a set of keywords for your child to learn on 5th October. Your child will need to learn these words by sight therefore we will also send home a list of ideas of games you could play using homemade flashcards.

Every other week, we will check to see how many of these words your child has been able to learn and, if necessary, give out a new set of words.

PE



PE will take place on a Friday.

We will build up to getting changed so in the meantime please encourage your child to change themselves at home. This will not only help them do this at school but also help to develop their independence.

PLEASE NAME ALL CLOTHING AND SHOES

Home time

Please let us know if it will be someone different picking up your child. If it is on a regular basis please write a note for us to keep by the door.



When picking up please begin the year by waiting behind the picket fence either by Squirrel side or Hedgehog side depending which class your child is in.

Stay and Play

In term 2 you are welcome to join your child for a play session every other Friday 8.35 - 9.15.
Start date TBC.

TOYS

Please try to discourage your child from bringing toys to school unless we have specifically asked them to.

Rewards

Positive Praise

All children are aware of the golden rules and expectations of behaviour. We are strong believers in reinforcing good behaviour. We have an abundance of certificates, stickers and general praise for the children. We also have our positive behaviour display - all children begin the day on the Sun ☺ Throughout the day positive behaviour is recognised and celebrated by moving the child's name up to the rainbow. Any unacceptable behaviour will be dealt by moving the children down onto the clouds but they always have opportunity and are encouraged to move back up the sunny face.



How can you help?

Your input into your child's learning is just as important as ours.

How can you support your child's learning at school?

- Helping us collect evidence on WOW moments seen at home - please see a teacher for a copy.
- Ensuring you check children's bags/parent mail for letters/School Website
- Being a parent helper in school - regular helpers will need to contact the office

Please regularly check your parent mail for letters and updates.
Also see school website for latest information, photos and useful links www.lethbridgeprimary.co.uk.