

**Messages:**

This week, we are sending home a Phase 2 tricky words bookmark for your child. Tricky words are also known as sight words. They are words that do not have a phonetically regular pattern so therefore have to be learnt by sight. Please ensure that you help your child to read and write these tricky words, as learning these is part of our phonics programme. When your child has learned to read and write these tricky words, we will provide you with the next set of tricky words.

On Friday, we will be sending home a name writing activity. There will be a laminated sheet with your child's name printed on it several times for them to trace over. This is for you to keep at home. We recommend using a dry-wipe pen on the laminated sheet and warm, soapy water or antibacterial spray to remove it. There is also another name writing activity in your child's homework folder and a phonics activity. These should be returned to school on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October**.

**Date for your diary:**

There will be a Welcome to Reception meeting on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October** at 3.10pm – 3.30pm, with Bernadette. We hope to see you all there!

**Phonics:**

In phonics this week we will be looking at the letter sounds i, n, m and d and consolidating last week's letter sounds s, a, t, and p. We will be listening for these sounds in spoken words and will begin to read and write CVC words using the sounds we have learnt.

**Maths:**

In maths this week, we will continue to focus on counting to 10. The children will sing songs, count sets of objects and practise writing the numerals 0 – 10.

**Topic:**

In topic this week, we will begin our 'Exploring Senses' topic. We will be focussing on our sense of smell and our sense of touch.

**English:**

In English this week, we will be reading the story 'Rosie's Walk'. We will look at the setting and the characters in the story and sequence events. The children will have the opportunity to re-enact the story using finger puppets and props.