

Messages:

Hello,

Hope everyone had a great weekend and you got out in the parks and noticed some beautiful signs of Autumn.

We are having a week of team building and partner work this week. We will be focussing on kindness, manners taking turns, sharing and looking after our school environment. Can we ask that you also reinforce these messages at home and we can hopefully create the most respectful and caring Reception classes that Duncombe has ever seen.

Thank you for being so great with bringing water bottles and book bags (especially on Monday's). There are still so many items of clothing coming in with no names – if it is not labelled, we sadly have no way of knowing who's belongs to who at home time.

As part of our timetable, every week we do singing with Lena on Tuesdays, drumming with Lena on Wednesdays and PE with Rightway Sports on Thursdays. We are also starting to visit the school library on Mondays. The children have all taken brilliantly to these sessions outside the classroom and have enjoyed exploring the school and its many stairs!

Topic:

We started our new core book 'The Enormous Turnip' last week. This week we will touch on it and talk about what plants need (water and sunlight).

Our primary focus will be PSHE as said above: being kind, knowing the rules of school and taking turns/ sharing.

Phonics:

In phonics this week, we will be learning the sounds:

i – insect, line for his body, dot for his head.

n - net, down Nobby over his net

p – pirate, down the pirates plait up and round his face.

g- girl, round the girl's face, down her plait and curl.

We will be reviewing last week's sounds and starting to try and blend sounds to say words.

A great way to help at home is on a walk, break anything into sounds, 'I see a b-i-g c-ar' and see if they can hear the words you were saying.

Maths:

In maths this week, we will be focusing on pairing objects (such as socks) and sorting objects into groups (such as colour groups).