



KG2 Newsletter

September 2015



Dear Parents,

KG2 is a time for children to socialise, learn new vocabulary and develop their ability to share and look after others.

In KG2, children will continue develop skills learnt in KG1, but also learn phonics, which will support their learning to read and write. Children will be taught to count and begin to add and subtract using practical resources.

Phonics is the teaching of the 44 phonemes or sounds needed to read and write the English language.

Children will practise:

- "segmenting" ...hearing individual phonemes in words to help them to write words.
- "blending"...squashing phonemes together to read words.

Children will also learn "tricky words" these are words you cannot sound out to read, they just need to be learnt by heart. When working with your child make sure you use letter sounds, not letter names such as ABC, but "a b c".

What can you do at home?

Increasing hand strength...vital for writing! Colouring in, drawing, painting, play dough - rolling and squashing, chopping vegetables with blunt knife, doing their zip or buttons, cutting paper, posting object through holes, moving object with pinch fingers, using tweezers, pegs and threading beads are just some of the activities you can use in your home.

Help with phonics and reading at home:

Please ensure your child is read to at home by a parent or older sibling. Encourage your child to talk about the pictures and what is happening in the story, who the characters are and what they have enjoyed about the book. Reading at bedtime is an ideal time to read and bond with your child. Encourage your child to point out any phonemes they may know and recognise around the home and when you are out and about.

Here is a list of games you can play with children learning phonics:

- Practising *Jolly Phonics* phonemes and songs.
- Play games on www.phonicsplay.co.uk
- Play alliteration games "seven silly slimy snakes singing!"

- Play sound-talk games "Get your c-oa-t or b-a-g."
- What can we see today that starts with?
- Phoneme spotting in magazines or story books.

Please can you help your child to use lower case letters when they are ready to write using the correct letter formation, not all capital letters.

Please be aware that snack time is at 10am. The children will need to bring fruit or yoghurt to eat at this time. Lunch time is from 11:40 they will need a healthy meal to fill them with energy for the afternoon. Ensure your child has eaten breakfast before they come to school. Please be aware that we are a NUT FREE school so all snacks and meals children bring to school should be nut free.

If you need further information please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. You can email them directly on their teacher school email address.

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We thank you in advance for your support and appreciation of our efforts.

The KG2 team.

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teach children to love
 LEARNING

