

This week

We have been settling into our full day routine (you may have noticed that your child's quite tired!), completed our "Favourite things..." booklets and started sticking items in our special books as well as conferencing (talking about their work while an adult writes the child's comments in their book). This becomes a wonderful record of your child's learning journey.



Next week

Our main teaching focus will be on animals – favourites, scariest, most deadly, cutest, pets, habitats, food.... You can support your child by having a chat about the creatures they're most interested in. We will also start our phonics learning, looking at the initial sound **s**, **a**, **t** and **p**. We will play games, sing songs, and identify things that begin with these sounds. We will send home actions and rhymes so that these can be practised at home.

Class expectations

The children will now have talked about and had the class expectations explained – do ask them about these and support us in upholding them. They have also visited the Wild Garden to understand how to use this lovely space safely, as well as had their first week going out to lunch play with the rest of the school. On the whole, they have managed this new routine really well and we actively discuss any worries or issues that arise, as well as highlighting the expectation on the older children to look out for and support our younger pupils. Our class expectations are:



We use kind hands, feet and words

We share with our friends

We listen to the adult or child who is speaking

We always walk in school

We all tidy up

We look after the things that we use

Bookbags

Next week (23rd) we give out book bags, reading journal and first books, and talk to the children about reading, their favourite types of stories etc. A poster showing your child's reading day should be displayed on your classroom window and their day is also written on their journal. Please ensure your child has their book bag with them on their day (or send it every day if that's your preference).

Dates for your diary:

- Curriculum Meetings: 9.15am and 6pm, Tuesday October 1st
- We would like to invite you all to attend our **International Event** on Wednesday October 16th at 2.30pm in each Reception class. This is a chance for you to share your homemade food from your cultural heritage, meet other parents/arrange playdates and watch a short performance from your child's class and all of reception.
- FOK AGM on Weds 25th Sept 7.30pm-9pm
- FOK Macmillan Coffee Morning – Fri 27th Sept - Lower Hall 9-10am

Children of the Week

Starting the week of the 23rd Sept, each teacher will select two Children of the Week. This is so that we can celebrate each child's individuality and interests. They will bring home an iPod (**home on Tues – please return by the following Monday**) which we hope you will use to take a maximum of 6 pictures of what they get up to. These will provide a focus for your child to talk to the class about their interests, enabling all of us to get to know them really well. Every child will have the chance to do this at some point. Additionally to this, they will each have the chance to bring home the class toy together with a diary in which to record photos/pictures and a little update of how they spent their time together. Please encourage your child to do some mark making/writing alongside your own writing.

Reminders

- Please guide your children not to play with any resources before school, as they are often set up for specific, focussed activities.
- **Outdoor days**

Bears: Tuesday

Tigers: Wednesday

Lions: Thursday.



Have a great weekend!