



Foundation Stage Newsletter Week 10th September



We would like to welcome everyone back and we hope that you have all had a lovely summer holidays. We would also like to welcome all of the new children and families that are joining team KEPS. All of the staff are very excited to get to know you all and we have lots of exciting opportunities and experiences planned for the year ahead. Each week you will receive a newsletter that will inform you of what we will be doing over the week ahead. It will also contain information about our weekly 'High Five Challenge.'

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Question of the Week

What can my body do?

Maths

We will be basing our maths around the 'Numberblocks' series from CBeebies. We will look at different ways of making amounts up to 5.

Phonics

We will be using our ears to listen to different sounds in our environment. Children are encouraged to go on a sound hunt at home. What can you hear?

Dates for diary

Friday 14th September- F2

Outside the Cave Visit

Tuesday 25th September-

School individual photographs

Friday 26th October- Inset Day

This Week's 'High Five Challenge'



Respect

We will be showing respect by choosing it, using it and putting it away during tidy time.

Creativity

We will be using the transient art area to create faces using natural materials.

Determination

We will be looking at different ways of making amounts up to 5 using Multilink cubes.

Excellence

We will be encouraging children to write their name on their work using pre-cursive script.

Good Choice

We will be ensuring that children are washing their hands using soap and drying them before snack and lunch time.

High 5 Challenge



We are really excited to introduce our new 'High 5 Challenge.' Each week we will be introducing 5 new challenges that the children will be able to complete during 'High 5' time. During 'High 5' time the children will be able to explore our indoor and outdoor environment predominantly learning through play. You may have heard your child call this time 'free choice time' when they were in F1.

The challenges will be linked to our school values (Respect, Determination, Good Choices, Creativity and Excellence). When the children complete each challenge they will be given a coloured stick. They will then be able to place the stick in their own cup on our 'High 5 Challenge' board. If your child chooses to complete all of the different challenges they will be rewarded with a special 'High 5 Challenge' sticker. Mrs Bradley has been very busy and has made a special display in the Fox and Badger classroom. We hope that this will be a good talking point for families and their children. We know that some children find it difficult to remember or communicate what they have done 😊 Initially you may notice the challenges are very similar to the previous week's challenges. We will be adapting and building upon our previous weeks challenges as we go along.

High 5 Hands



This year we will be introducing a new 'High 5' hands. Our 'High 5' hands will replace our 'WOW' stars that were previously used in Foundation. The idea of the hands are for parents/carers to record any special moments from home that show any of our school values. Just write the details on a hand with your child's name and date and bring it into school. We will share your child's achievements with the class and then display them on our new 'High 5' display.

Reading Books



You will already have received a piece of paper with pictures of the Oxford Reading Tree characters. Please help your child to learn the names of the characters. Over the next week we will be giving children reading books. Children will initially be given a book without any words. Please help your child by using the pictures to make up your own story. Try and use story language such as 'Once upon a time' 'One day' etc.

You can record this in your child's reading diary. You will have received information about our school reading challenge.