

MARY ANNING AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

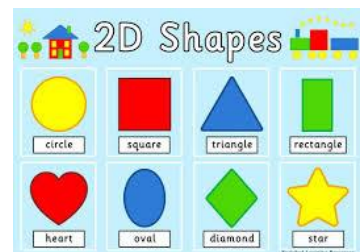
Welcome to Mary Anning Reception Class!

The children are settling well into the classroom / outdoor area and are learning everyone's name.

During the Autumn term the children will be concentrating on gaining confidence to use the school environment independently. They will also be getting used to the classroom routines and boundaries.

The seven areas of learning will be explored through topics including Ourselves, Hot and Cold, Harvest and Christmas. I will be helping the children to count above 10, recognise numbers to 10 (and above if appropriate) and to talk about shapes. I will also be introducing reading and writing through our phonic learning sessions (Read, Write, Inc!). For more information click on the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjPILhk7bQ>



How parents can support at home

You can help your child to consolidate their phonic work by:

- completing any work in their home learning book which will be coming home in the children's book bags.
- listening to and talking about sounds in the environment
- reinforcing the letter sounds we are working on
- playing sound games such as 'I Spy'
- looking for initial letter sounds that children can see and hear

As children increase their phonic knowledge they will be regularly provided with reading books from school. These will encourage children to use their phonic knowledge to segment and blend sounds together to hear whole words. You really need to share this book with your child for 5 minutes every day – children who are heard reading at home regularly progress through the reading scheme books far more quickly than those who do little or no reading at home. Being able to read and developing a love of books and reading has a hugely positive impact on your child's education, as well as bringing them lots of enjoyment.

11th September 2020

Recording learning at home

As the term progresses I will provide parents with 'Little Star Vouchers' to complete at home. Feel free to record any achievements, learning or things that have made you proud. This helps me to build a bigger picture of your child's learning.

PE

The PE days for the children are Monday and Friday. Please could your child come to school dressed for PE on those days instead of the usual school uniform (jogging bottoms, trainers or plimsolls).

USEFUL WEBSITES

www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies ('Alphablocks' will show you the sounds each letter makes)

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

Best wishes,
Mrs Morgan

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT