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Autumn Curriculum Newsletter 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome to Foundation Stage at Meltham CE Primary School!

The children have settled into their new classes exceptionally well and we are really looking forward to our Autumn inspired learning.

The topics that we will be looking at this half term are 'All about me', 'Owl babies' by Martin Waddell and the whole school book 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin. In English, we are learning to recognise and write our full names, mark make with meaning and purpose and to confidently communicate with adults and peers about our own experiences. In maths, we are looking at recognising numbers, ordering numbers and amounts of objects and touch counting correctly. We will be sharing books with the children and discussing the features of them e.g. title, blurb, author, illustrations. The children have lots of opportunities to explore and play in a variety of different areas. Through play, the children will learn how to share, take turns and play cooperatively with others.

Reading books

Exciting news! We aim to begin sending reading books home on **Friday 1st October**. We will change your child's reading book on the following days:

Red group - Monday

Orange group - Tuesday

Yellow group - Wednesday

Green group - Thursday

Blue group - Friday

Read with your child daily, write the date and a comment in the yellow reading diary and keep their book in their book bag each day. To start, your child may receive a 'talk about' book. This is a book without words. They are designed to allow the child to tell a story through their own words. Lots of conversation is encouraged between the adult and child in order for the child to demonstrate a good understanding of the story through pictures. In class, your child may have a different reading book which they will read to the adults in school.

Reading Champions

It is a good idea to start getting into the habit of a regular daily reading time, and writing in the yellow diaries, as after the half term holidays we will be starting 'Reading Champions'. The children will be working towards achieving 30 reads before the Christmas holidays. Each time a 'read' is recorded in your yellow reading diary (max 2 per day), it will be counted on our class chart. If your child reaches 30 reads in the half term, they will be celebrated in our 'Reading Champions' assembly in the last week of term, and they will receive a smart certificate and a much coveted furry reading bug. The idea behind Reading Champions is to emphasize how vital it is to read daily and to foster a love of stories and books that will last a lifetime.

I wonder who will be the first on our class chart to reach 30 reads?

Outdoor PE

Class 1 & 2 are participating in Outdoor PE with Kirk Jacobs this half term. This will start on a **Monday afternoon** during school time. **We are asking that your child attends school each Monday of this half term in a dark blue or black plain zip up hoodie, a plain white t-shirt, plain dark blue or black jogging bottoms and running trainers.**

Outdoor PE is a great opportunity for the children to take part in games, use sports equipment and development explore, play cooperatively and experience another aspect of school life.

Magnificent Me topic - Me Box

For our topic 'Magnificent Me', we have a series of 'Show and Tell' sessions, where the children have the chance to share with the class a little bit about themselves. The children can decorate a shoe box at home, and fill it with 5 or 6 special items which they can confidently talk about to the class. These could include items related to;

- My family
- My pets
- My favourite foods / place
- My favourite hobbies / music
- My special things (e.g. special clothes, baby items, cuddly toy etc)

Please bring the completed 'Me Box' into school on Monday 11th October 2021

We will Show and Tell the boxes each day and send them home when complete

Water bottles

It's thirsty work in Foundation Stage so please ensure your child has a **NAMED** water bottle containing **WATER** each day.

Naming belongings

Please ensure all items of clothing and footwear are clearly **named** and **recognisable** to your child.

Twitter

You can keep up to date with all our activities and news by following us on Twitter @foundmelthamce. We tweet frequently, and it is a wonderful way for you to see what we are up to and occasionally we will set challenges for you to complete at home. Information is also displayed on the class windows and website, plus Mr Gibbins will email out the whole school newsletter 'Headlines' each Friday.

Please feel free to ask if you have any queries or problems.

Thank you for your continued support

The Foundation Stage team.

Class Teachers and Educational Teaching Assistants

Class 1 - Mrs. Wimpenny, Miss Ingham and Mrs. Price

Class 2 - Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Charlton

PPA Teachers - Mrs. Turner (Class 1) Mrs. Mottram (Class 2)