

EYFS Newsletter



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Friday 22nd October 2021

Happy Half Term

Dear Parents, carers and pupils,

As we come to the end of the first half term of this academic year, it is with great happiness that I can report how well our pupils have transitioned into the Early Years Foundation Stage. It has been a pleasure to welcome them into the Waverley Family. They have settled well into EYFS with their new teachers and have enjoyed exploring their new learning in fun and creative ways. It has been lovely to see the children become more confident and engaged learners.

I would like to say thank you to all those parents who attended our parent sessions linked to Early Reading and Early maths in EYFS and the development of gross motor skills to support writing. I look forward to seeing lots more of you at the parent sessions taking place in Autumn 2.

Rest and relax over the holiday so you can come back healthy and ready to learn lots of new things as our exciting topic 'Super Me' continues, where they'll be exploring healthy eating.

Have a lovely half term, remember if you are looking for fun challenges you could do over the half term have a look at phase 2 phonics sounds and tricky words, number recognition and formation to 5 and exploring the world through senses. This could be a walk to the park or looking at different house numbers.

Miss Robertson
Director of Learning – EYFS & Year 1



Dates for your Diary...

Friday 22nd October break up for October Half Term

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Monday 1st November return to school

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Tuesday 2nd November — Parents Evening

Wednesday 3rd November — Parents Evening

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Friday 12th November— Phase 2 Phonics Workshop

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Wednesday 17th November—Phase 3 & 4 Phonics Workshop

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Friday 19th November—Children in Need day

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Tuesday 14th December— EYFS Nativity

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Wednesday 15th December —Pantomime & Christmas Dinner at School

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Friday 17th December break up for October Half Term

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Please check the Waverley School website for updates to the calendar

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'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world' Nelson Mandela

Come to school, on time, every day, ready to learn!

Attend today, achieve tomorrow!

School Target	97%	
	Summer 2	Autumn 1
Primary Phase Attendance	92.1%	94.3%
EYFS Attendance	93.2%	94.9%
R1	88.7%	96.2%
R2	95.5%	92.9%
R3	94.7%	95.6%
Winning Class	R2	R1
Class with the lowest attendance	R1	R2

"80 percent of
success
is
showing up."
-Woody Allen

Diwali and Bonfire night

During the first week of half term we will be learning about bonfire night and Diwali by looking at the story behind the events as well as why we celebrate

We will be talking about how to keep ourselves safe around fireworks:

- wear gloves when holding a sparkler
- keep pets in doors
- stand well back
- let grown ups light fireworks
- never go back to a lit firework

From next term all **EYFS pupils** should be in school for **8.40 am**. The register is taken at this time. Any pupil not in school at this time is marked late, which is recorded on the register and negatively impacts on your child's attendance percentage. Children will then be picked up for 3:05pm.

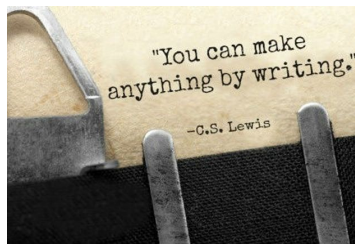
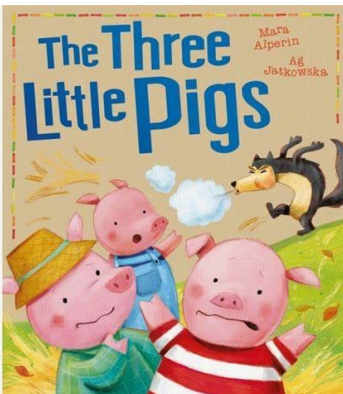
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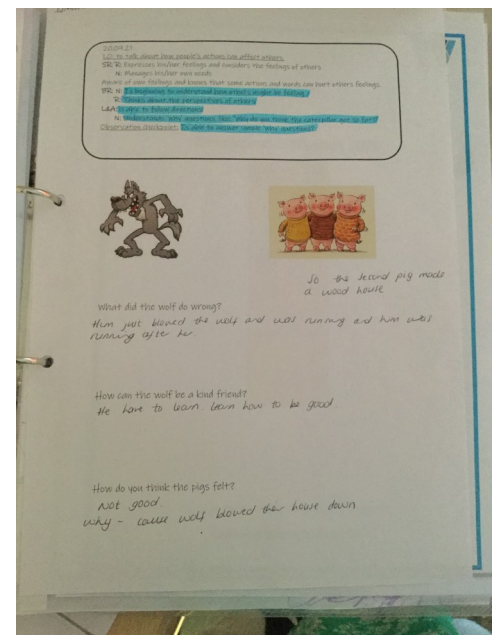
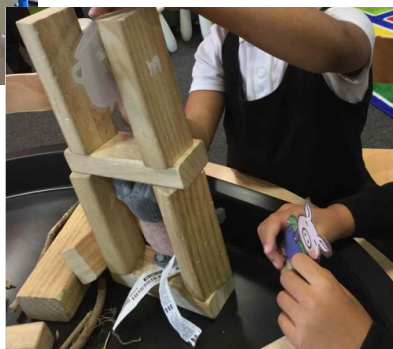
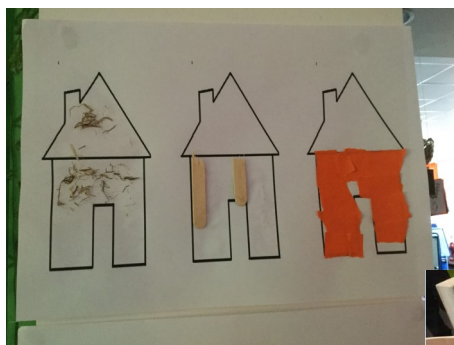
We are Story Tellers

This half term has been very exciting for EYFS.

We have been learning about traditional fairytales. First, we learnt what fairytales are about and then we read and studied wonderful traditional fairytales: The Three Billy Goats Gruff and then we moved onto our main text of 'The Three little Pigs'. The children loved immersing themselves into the story and built houses from construction materials. We explored how to keep our houses strong. The children loved acting out the story and becoming the different characters during our role play lessons and within the environment.



We discussed how the characters felt during the story and how the wolf could be a kinder character. We looked at the different materials used to make the houses and sequenced the story. We used the construction blocks to make our own houses and tested them to see if they were strong by blowing on them.



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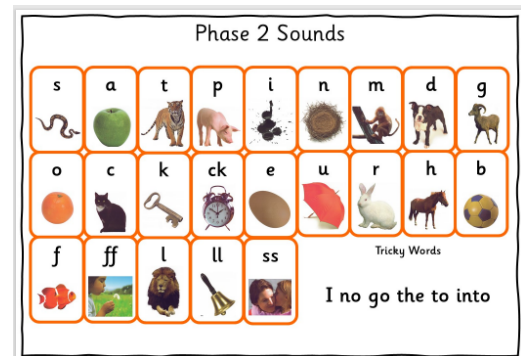


Phonics

This half term we have been exploring Phase 2 sounds. We have learnt how to blend words for reading and segment words for writing. We have been doing this by hearing our sounds, saying them, reading them and writing them. We have now moved on to writing some initial sounds in words and word blending to help us read words in books.



Scan me to practise saying the phonemes



Scan me to practise blending for reading

How can I help my child?

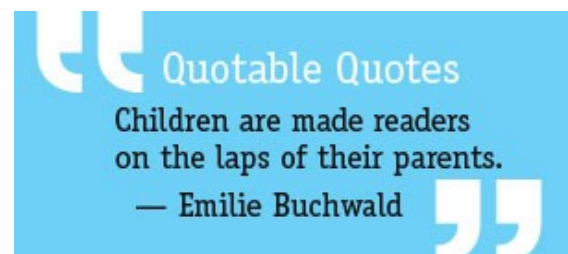
Want to help your child practise their phonics skills over the half term? Scan the QR code and practise saying the sounds the different phonemes make and practise blending (putting the sounds together) to say and read words.

Homework

Over the half term holiday please practice these with your children using the **homework** packs provided. Can they hear the sounds in words? Can they write and read the sounds? Can they write any words using the sounds? Can they read and write the tricky words?

Please also read to your child—this helps to develop their vocabulary as well as their understanding of story structures.

Please support your child to move their learning forward by listening to them read their reading book as often as possible, encourage them to read books on Bug Club and help them with their phonics homework.



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Mathematics

Numbers to 5

Throughout this half term children have been exploring numbers to 5. Counting, recognising the numeral, writing numbers and exploring number bonds.

We have practised counting objects accurately, counting out a given number of objects, working out number bonds and exploring capacity.

We have been practising showing numbers to 5 in different ways.



Days of the Week
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday
Sunday

We have also learnt our days of the week.

Useful websites to continue learning at home

Nrich maths: <https://nrich.maths.org/13372>

Topmarks: www.topmarks.co.uk

Homework

Over half term please practice number recognition, ordering and number formation.

Topic

Super Me!

This term we have been learning all about ourselves. We have explored features of our faces, learnt all about members of our families and how we are all different but equal!

We have also started looking at growth and change around us. We have observed the life cycle of animals and plants and how things grow.

Finally, we have been learning about all the people who help us in our community and how to stay safe at different times.



'I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear. Knowing what must be done does away with fear.'

Rosa Parks

Black History Month

Throughout October we have celebrated Black History Month by focusing on the achievements and accomplishments of the iconic Rosa Parks. We read the Little People, Big Dreams Rosa Parks story which explained how she stood up for herself throughout her life and the great things she went on to do.



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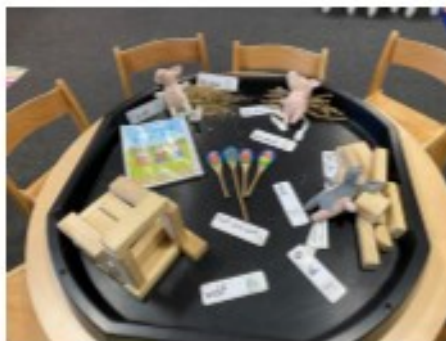
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Take a look at all the fun things we have done this half term!

We have explored mark making and line drawing using a range of resources from rice, glitter, sand and playdough.



We have used our fine motor skills to cut, stick and write sounds that we have been learning in our daily phonics sessions.



We have looked at the materials needed to build a strong house.

As part of our exploration into our Halloween key text, Pumpkin Soup, we have explored capacity making potions using rice, straw and flowers and mud from the mud kitchen!



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Reception Places 2022-23

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Top 5 things to do with your children this half term:

- Visit a park and look at how the leaves are changing. What colours can you see?
- Make some soup using winter vegetables
- Make bread and eat it while its warm
- Make an Autumn picture using leaves
- Write your teacher a post card telling us about the fun you had – you could even post it to the school at the post office

Community

Waverley's Online Open Evening

Waverley School is pleased to invite you to watch our Virtual tour which is now live on the Waverley school website.

www.onlineopenevening.co.uk/waverleyschool

Reception Places 2022

Do you have a child that is turning 5 between September 2022 and August 2023?

Applications open on 1 October 2021 and the national closing date is (11:59PM) on 15 January 2022.

Admissions are to be submitted through Birmingham City Council at the below email address.

<https://eadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk/prefs.php>

Outdoor Learning

The reception pupils have really enjoyed exploring our outdoor area this half term. Cooking food in the mud kitchen. Looking for buried treasure hidden by pirates. Riding bikes and learning to walk on the stilts. Engaging in a range of activities that support their physical development and gross motor skills.

They have really enjoyed using the large construction (crates, tires and wooden planks) to make obstacle courses.

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