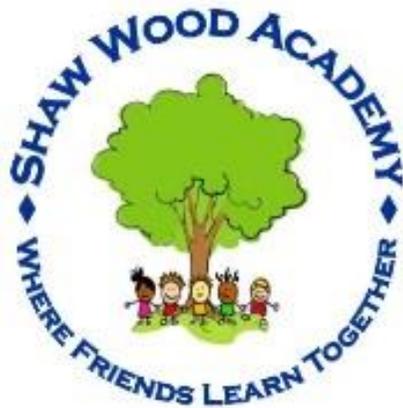


PARENTS INFORMATION BOOKLET

Autumn Term 2017



**Mrs. Hodgkinson and
Miss Gibson
Foundation 2
Autumn Term**

A note from Mrs. Hodgkinson and Miss Gibson.....

Welcome to a new school year we are all looking forward to a busy and exciting year in Butterfly and Bumble Bee class. Mrs. Hodgkinson and Miss. Bean are based in Butterflies class and Miss Gibson and Mrs. Farrar are based in Bumble Bee class.

The children (and parents!) seem pleased to be back at school and we are sure they will continue to settle well and adapt to the new routines of being in school full time.

We have already started our Weekly Timetable. We will begin P.E. on Tuesday 12th September P.E. days are on a Tuesday and Thursday, please make sure the children bring their P.E. kit on a Monday and leave it in school until Friday. They will need a round neck white or light blue t-shirt and blue or black shorts. They will not need trainers.

Please ensure the children bring a water bottle to school at the beginning of the week and change the water daily in the morning. They should also bring their book bags every day.

We will start Library day on Wednesday 13th September. Library day is every Wednesday. We will open our door 10mins early to give you the opportunity to choose a book with your child for you to take home.

Please check their book bags regularly for information on new aspects of their learning and ways you can support this at home.

As ever if you have any queries about any aspect of school please do not hesitate to see us.

The Reception Team



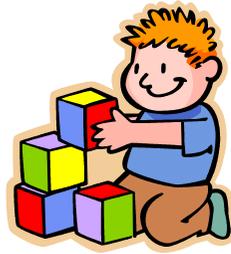
Some areas for development this term

In literacy we will be focusing on teaching the children their initial letter sounds, ensuring they know all of them and that they can hear these sounds in words.

We will be teaching the children how to form the letters correctly and apply this when writing their name during their morning activities.

In maths we will be focusing on recognising, counting and ordering numbers to 5, 10 or 20.

We will be focusing on the children's ability to use a pencil with increasing control through lots of fine motor activities.



Outline of the themes for this term

Our topic this half term is Traditional stories and Nursery Rhymes. We will be focusing activities on well know stories such as The Billy Goats Gruff, 3 Little Pigs ,Little Red Riding Hood etc. and learning Nursery Rhymes such as There was an old woman, 3 blind mice, Hickory dickory dock etc.

We will soon send out our Family Homework which will give you an opportunity for you and your child to work together to produce a piece of work for our topic board in school. No pressure!

How you can help your child?

Encourage independence, let your child have a go on their own first! You could use a star chart to encourage them to do activities themselves such as dressing and undressing. Please give your child a knife and fork to eat their main meal and a spoon for their

pudding and encourage them to use them independently.

Find fun ways to learn and practice letter names and sound e.g .Eye Spy, playing teachers at home and getting them to teach you the letters and sounds, go on a sound hunt find things beginning with specific letters.

We want to encourage a passion for reading and books. This can be done through you reading to your child as well as them reading to you. Talk about the pictures; give the characters in the story names. Introduce the children to new vocabulary, make up a story, and ask questions. Most importantly let your child talk about the book.

Encourage your child to practice writing their first and last names. Please only use capital letters for the first letter.

Point out numbers, look at computer games that encourage number recognition. Count everything!

And finally...

Try to ensure your child gets a good night's sleep. Adapting to full time school is tiring. The children are on the go, learning something new each day. It can be exciting but also exhausting!!!