

# Cygnets Class Summer Term 2 Learning Letter



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We hope that all Cygnets have had an enjoyable half term holiday. We are looking forward to supporting the children in the next stage of their learning and preparing them to transition to Swan Class

## Parent Information

### All About Me Books

We record the highlights of your child's learning in their All About Me Book. Please remember to write your observations on the "stickers" that have been sent home. The children enjoy sharing these achievements during circle time.

### Clothing

Please make sure that your child comes to school dressed for the day's weather. Please apply sun cream before coming to school. The children will need to have a named sunhat in school. Please check that wellies stored at school still fit.

### Water

Please provide your child with tap water rather than flavoured water. It is really important to encourage the children to drink water for good oral health now and good health in the future.

### EYFS Profile

Due to the Covid disruptions, The Department of Education has decided that the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile, an assessment which is usually completed in June for all Reception children, will not be completed formally in schools this year. However we will continue our assessment process and each child will have a written report which will be sent out to parents and carers in July.

## Our Learning

We will be continuing to focus on Wellbeing by using the SMILE structure; Socialise, Move, Interest, Learn, Engage. We will be learning about minibeasts. We will investigate our school environment, as a habitat for animals and minibeasts. Our focus texts will be Tidy by Emily Gravett, The Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle and Yucky Worms by Vivian French. We will be learning about human growth and change using the SCARF resources.

In Literacy we will focus mainly on

- developing confidence in using Phase 3 Phonics blending for reading and segmenting sounds for writing
- to read and spell words ending with adjacent consonants such as tent
- to read and spell words beginning with adjacent consonants such as

stop

- learning alternative digraphs eg ay/ai, ou/ow, ie/igh
- to learn more tricky words eg oh, their, people

In Maths we will focus mainly on

- doubling numbers
- sharing and grouping numbers
- exploring odd and even numbers
- problem solving with numbers and using spatial reasoning by exploring and building shapes

## Home Learning

Top tips to support your child at home;

- Play dice and domino games together.
- Play pairs with playing cards and counting their totals.
- Look at the numbers on houses when you are out are they odd or even. What number will come next? What number came before?
- Practise setting the table so that each person gets cutlery, plates and cups.
- Make a picnic for your toys and share out the sandwiches etc. equally
- Play snakes and ladders and bingo games.
- Practise number skills by playing Numbots.
- Encourage your child to talk about the models they build.
- Give your child recycled materials, string, sticky tape and glue to build models and talk about what they have made. Encourage your child to use scissors.
- Regularly practise sounds in the Phonics Book.
- Regularly practise reading words in the Word Books.
- Say the sounds in a word and get your child to blend to say it.
- Practise writing sounds and words from the Phonics and Word Books
- Challenge learning one more sound or word, how many can you read in a minute can you beat your record.
- Listen to your child read every day. Ask your child to retell you what they have read in their own words.
- Enjoy sharing a story together at bedtime.
- Practise the rhyme of the week.
- Enjoy taking your child to the park to let them balance and climb.
- Talk about the minibeasts you see in your garden or when out and about.
- Talk to your child about how they have changed since they were born. About new the things they have learned to do. Talk about moving to Swan Class and how they will continue their learning journey. Putting the transition dates and September starting date on a calendar will help with the countdown.

If you have any questions about these ideas please do ask.

### Dates for your diary

10.6.21 Height, Weight Vision check by the school nursing team

12.7.21 and 13.7.21 Transition days to Swan Class

On behalf of the EYFS team I would like to thank you for supporting the children with their learning.

Best wishes

Mrs Gibson