



Foundation Stage

Term 1

September 2020

We're Going on a Bear Hunt



Welcome to Christ Church

Welcome to your first Foundation Newsletter. At Christ Church Primary School, you will receive a newsletter at the start of each new term. The purpose of these termly newsletters is to keep you updated with information for Foundation Stage.

Accompanying the newsletter is an overview of the Early Learning Goals for each curriculum area. These are the expectations for **the end of the year**. You can find copies of all our newsletters on our school website.

If you are unsure about anything you can contact a member of the Foundation Team and we will be happy to help you. The little things are important especially as children start school. We have had an AMAZING first week with the children and we are really enjoying getting to know them.

Books

We will be sending home phonic reading books later in the term. Sharing books should have come home this week. This is a book your child has chosen and is for you to share with them. We have included some 'Book Talk' ideas. Your child is not expected to read this book, it is an opportunity to share a story and nurture a love of reading.

Donations



- Items which we would be grateful to receive are:
- Small notepads (some businesses will donate if you ask at work)
 - Arts and crafts materials (tape, sequins, pipe cleaners, stickers, lollipop sticks, small boxes and tubes etc)
 - Coloured paper
 - Children's magazines (for reading or for cutting out)
 - Tissues and wet wipes
 - Planting equipment such as compost, pots, plants, seeds, bulbs or bedding plants for our outside area.

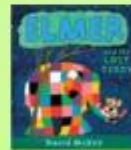
Please put donations in a bag and hand to the class teacher or LSA so that we can quarantine them before use.
Thank you.

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This term we are focussing on settling into school life and learning the many routines. We are learning all about each other, talking about ourselves and our interests and making new friends. We will also begin by focusing on our book 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'.



Some other books we will be sharing in class are...



Learning in the Foundation Stage

In Foundation Stage we use the children's interests to develop our topics from the initial starting point. We talk about being 'Learning Explorers' and call our self-directed learning time 'Explore Time'. During this time the children will access play based activities designed to support them develop their skills in areas of the Early Years curriculum. All the children will explore our many inside and outside learning activities and are encouraged to try new things. The children are also taught in focussed whole class sessions, small groups and in one-to-one sessions throughout the school day.

Dates for your diary

- 12th October 2020- Individual photographs TBC
- 20th October 2020- End of Term 1
- 21st October 2020- TD Day- no children in school
- 2nd November 2020- Term 2 begins

If you would like to contact any of the Foundation teachers, please call or e-mail admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk
Thank you for your continued support.
The Foundation Team.