

To enable us to provide fun experiences such as cooking and playdough we would like to ask for a small donation of £2 from each child. Please give this to your child's teacher.

Reading

At this stage of your child's development, reading every night to your child is very beneficial. To help you with this, the children will bring home a picture story for you to share. The children will have the opportunity to change their book each day.

We will also send home a school reading book for the children to read to you. To begin with, this may be a book with no words to allow the children to create a story using the pictures and get the sense of 'reading' a story. Please record when your child has 'read' to you in their reading record. You should be aiming for 5 times a week. This book will be changed once a week by their teacher.

We will also be participating in the school reading incentive scheme, '*Read to Succeed*', where the children work towards fabulous different prizes after having read several times at home! We will monitor this by looking in their reading record.

Enrichment

Monday 16th October
Trip to Hargate Forest



Learning

This term is all about transitioning into *big school*! We will be reading and working on a range of books, looking at identifying our emotions, managing big feelings, and empathising with others.

Towards the end of term, as we start to look at the smallest characters with the biggest voices, we will be taking a trip to our own deep dark wood 'Hargate Forest!' If you are able to help with this date, please let your class teacher know.

We will also be spending lots of time getting to know each other, exploring the classroom environment and learning the school routines.

Some other points...

- Please, do not bring any back packs. The children only need to bring their **book bag**, carrying everything they need in them (including spare underwear), except from their water bottles - better to carry them by hand to avoid leaks!

-The children will always have the opportunity to be in our outside area so please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for the weather.

-We ask that children do **not** bring in any **toys** or extra belongings from home as these often get lost or broken. During the transition into full-time school if your child requires a comforter, we ask that it remains in their book bag during school hours.

-We often find that the children get hungry during the day, therefore we would like to offer them a carbohydrate snack alongside the daily fruit.

Please could each child bring in a snack to share with the class. These could include bread sticks, crackers, loaf of bread, muffins, crumpets etc.

Key texts

Little Red Riding Hood

The Colour Monster - Anna Llenas

The Gruffalo - Julia Donaldson

Bedtime for monsters - Ed Vere