

Dear Families

We hope you have all had a lovely week.

This week: The children have enjoyed settling into their new surroundings. It is lovely to see them again and enjoy more space and activities like the sand tray, crafting corner and water for Sensory and Emotional regulation. Each morning the children put their name on a feeling. (Zones: Blue- tired, lacking energy, weeping; Green – content, calm, happy; Yellow- excitable, worried, jumpy, frustrated; Red- anger, shouting, hurting, mean.)

We have talked about the Summer Holiday and pointed out words such as ‘hotel’ ‘ostrich’ ‘rapids’. We have begun warming up with speaking and listening skills. Remembering what we have been told and then saying it back. We are working towards effective two way conversations.

The children have also signed a contract for the classroom rules so prompt them to tell you what they are. We word mapped ‘failure’ as part of building vocabulary knowledge. We have talked about how getting things wrong can be a good thing. We can learn from our mistakes.

I will inform you of homework routines as soon as possible. There will be a book to share and read together and a book for your child to read within their decoding level. I cannot state how important reading is! We build knowledge of vocabulary mostly through reading and families who are word rich reinforce language and vocabulary which supports the child throughout life.

They also met Mrs Anderson (SLT) who will be teaching them on Wednesday mornings. Drama started with Salihah on Friday. Swimming is to be confirmed.

Next week:

We start our new topic – Is there anybody out there?! (SPACE). I will introduce the idea on Friday. We will take a look at the shape of a sphere, learn diameter, rotation, surface, rock, gas and so on. The Planets in the Solar system and subject specific words such as ‘celestial’ and ‘meteor’. Our first book is ‘Look Up’ Nathan Bryon.

The children will work on fluency in reading and fluency in number alongside this context. We will assess the spelling words and then choose their groups.

Other notices:

- **Children can bring in a healthy snack for after break.**
- Children to wear their PE kit to school. I WILL EMAIL THE DAY
- This year Spelling and Times Table Tests will be on TUESDAYS
- New reading books and Spellings will go out on WEDNESDAYS
- Should you need/wish to contact us, the Inclusion team can be reached by email on: SPA-Inclusion.STF@oasisshirleypark.org Or for general queries on: primary.admin@oasisshirleypark.org

Key dates:

- Half term – Monday 25th – Friday 29th October
- Autumn 2 – 1 November
- Inset - TBC
- Individual Photos – Monday 18th
- Parent meetings – 18th and 19th October

Have a lovely and safe weekend,

Sycamore Team