

Reception Newsletter 25.09.20

This week we have been busy preparing for our class puppet's birthday. We have written birthday cards and invitations, we've got creative and made bunting, party hats, badges and even made some jelly from jelly crystals and looked at the physical changes it goes through.



Please make sure your child has a coat every day and label ALL of your child's belongings.

Your Child's Learning Journey at Bessemer

Target Tracker Link is a secure online system we will be using to share observations of your child that you can access easily online. These observations are part of our regular ongoing assessment and help record your child's learning.

How do I access these?

In order to access Target Tracker Link, you will need to have an email address. You will receive emails to help you set up a password, login and to notify you when observations have been added. In the next weeks you'll get an email from no-reply@targettrackerlink.com containing details about how to login to your Target Tracker Link account and see observations for your child. Please check your email account carefully, including your spam/junk folder in case this email is directed there.

To ensure the appropriate safety measures are in place for all the children, we trust that you understand that you should not take the photographs from Target Tracker Link to use on any social media sites, particularly where other pupils appear in photographs.

When will I receive observations?

At Bessemer we have an observation cycle which means once a half term your child will have a week of observations carried out on them. During the rest of the time we will still be supporting your child's learning and development but we will not be formally recording this.

Please contact the office if you have not heard anything by the end of the half term.

We look forward to sharing these observations with you and hope you enjoy using Target Tracker Link.

This week in Reception we are learning:

About feelings; we are naming different feelings and sorting them into positive and negative feelings. We are also reading a book called *How are you Feeling Today?* by Molly Potter, which shares fun and imaginative ways to help the children understand and cope with emotions.

In reading:

If your child is not able to recognise sounds or words yet then please encourage them to look at the pictures to make up a story. You can then read the book following the words.

- Can your child name the characters and where the story is set?
- Can your child tell you the events that have happened in the story?

In phonics:

Learning to read the sounds:

g o c k
ck e u r

Can your child read these letters and think of a word that begins with each one?

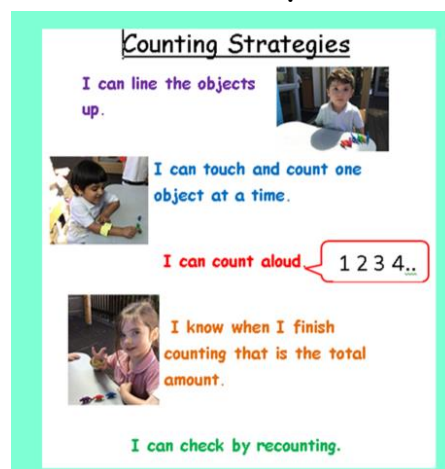
Learning to read the words:

in at as
and can a

Can your child look in a book and find any of these words?

In maths:

We are introducing our counting strategies. These are a set of rules to follow to make us all super star counters.



Can your child practise counting with you? Can they count knives and forks whilst setting the table? Bricks in tower? Cars in a line? Can your child recognise 1,2 or 3 objects without counting?



Phonics and Reading Workshop and Maths Parent Workshop.

This year the workshops will be pre-recorded and sent via email for you to watch. Please ensure you do watch these in order for us to share the teaching strategies we use, so that you can further support your child learning at home. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email them in via the office and we will either get back to you via email or address the questions in the fortnightly newsletter.

Workshop packs with a range of activities and resources to use at home will be available for a donation of 50p. If you would like one, you can send the money or the request in an envelope with your child, stating which pack you would like, and we will send one home with them. At present we only have 50 packs available so if we have demand for more than this please be patient as we cater for this more.



Bessemer Reception Class Forest School Sessions

Every Wednesday afternoon your child will take part in a 45 minute forest school session in the Nature Garden with Jolly Foresters.

We will be getting messy and muddy whilst having lots of fun and will learn about the natural world through nature craft, bushcraft and play!

  @jollyforesters

Please ensure your child is wearing closed toe shoes (wellie boots are best) to these sessions and a waterproof coat. If you have waterproof trousers, please bring these too. In winter please send a hat and gloves.

What is Forest school?
Forest School is an inspirational process, that offers the children opportunities to achieve, develop confidence and self esteem, through hands on learning experiences in a local woodland environment."

We are aware that bringing in wellies and waterproof clothes is not in line with our 'no bags' guidance, but we will be making an exception for Forest School as it is a wonderful enrichment to our curriculum. It helps children to grow in confidence and independence, which is especially important given the current climate.

To help minimise any transmission we ask that you send your child's wet weather gear in named plastic bags and only when the weather starts to get wetter. Don't forget to **please label EVERYTHING.**

