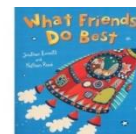


## Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 22.09.25

### Term 1 topic- Who am I?

Our story of the week- 'What Friends Do Best' by Jonathan Emmett and Nathan Reed.



**Personal, Social and Emotional Development-** Jigsaw aims to prepare our children for life, helping them to know and value who they are and understand how they relate to other people in our ever-changing world. This term the theme is 'Being me in my World'. This week we identified some emotions and talked about how we were feeling. We are working on everyone tidying up and we know we need to work as a team.

We have also been using our listening skills, concentrating on sharing and taking turns with our friends as we play together and remembering to say 'please' and 'thank you'.

On Tuesday we heard the fire alarm, so we stopped what we were doing and lined up on the big playground with the whole school. We know to be quiet and walk quickly and sensibly. We were practicing how to stay safe in the event of a fire.

**Communication and Language-** We have continued our discussions about ourselves this week and thought about how to be a good friend. Thank you for your participation in sticker homework this week. The children were so keen to tell us about what you had told them they like to do with their friends. We enjoyed talking about what the weekend bears had been up to. This week the bears are going home with the children who had made good choices all week. How exciting!

**Physical Development-** We love being active at outside time and the children have loved exploring the big playground this week. We have been introducing how to use different sports equipment. We are very good at 'Squiggle' now, we have so much fun and it is great for developing our gross motor movements. We also enjoy our dough disco sessions, 'balling', 'squashing' and 'rolling' our playdough in our hands and then 'dancing' and 'diving' our fingers to develop our fine motor skills. We also apply our fine motor skills as we explore play dough, handwriting, cutting, using chalks and use various building and constructing toys. In our PE lesson this week we practised our ball control skills.

**Literacy-** Our teachers are very impressed with how hard we are concentrating in our daily phonics lessons. This week we introduced Phonics, and the new sounds we learnt this week were, 'm' and 'a'. We are learning to recognise and write the sounds and are helping Fred Frog put sounds together to make words, 'm-a-d, mad' or 's-a-d, sad' or 'm-u-d, mud'. Ask us why it is so important to learn phonics.... In bookbags today you will have received a sheet letting you know the phonemes (sounds) we have been learning. Please practise these with your children at home. We encourage the children to say the rhyme as they write the letters. We are learning the sounds to help us to begin reading and writing.

We continue to look at a variety of fiction and non-fiction books and share them with our friends in our book areas.

**Mathematics**- We enjoy exploring the maths areas in our classrooms and playing with lots of different maths equipment, such as, Numicon, dice, sand timers and Unifix cubes. The teachers have been finding out the children's starting points in maths this week and we will be starting our daily maths lessons next week.

**Understanding the World**- We are enjoying using the interactive whiteboard on various programmes. We are enjoying exploring different items on our investigation tables and have begun to spot lots of changes in the world about us. We are noticing that the leaves on the trees are changing colour and beginning to fall! We have been very interested in watching the weather this week! Next week we will begin to think about autumn and what happens during this season.

**Expressive Arts and Design**- We were very busy on the art table this week. We had fun painting using cotton buds and practising our letters using chalks on chalk boards. We enjoyed working with a friend junk modelling. We enjoy going to Singing Assembly with the whole school and learning songs. In our Music lesson this week we listened to a piece of music, found the pulse and moved in time to the music and also thought about how the music made us feel. We took turns performing a song and being the audience.

Take a look at the photos on our class pages on the school website:

[www.follyviewprimary.co.uk](http://www.follyviewprimary.co.uk)

We will upload photos of what we are doing in reception on these pages throughout the school year.

#### Supporting learning at home

- Challenge your child to dress themselves and to put on their coat and fasten their shoes!
- Can you remember and write down the sounds you have learnt this week ('m' and 'a')?
- Go for an autumn walk and find something autumnal to put on the interest table.
- Practise holding your pencil correctly when writing and drawing.

#### Notes for next week 29.9.25

- Coats, water bottles and book bags to be in school every day, please.
- PE is on Friday this year for Chestnut and Hazel Class. Please make sure you have brought your PE kit in ready to start PE next week. In reception, we change for PE in school.
- Please name all jumpers and cardigans, as we already have lots being left.
- Nasal flu immunisations are taking place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Any queries, please contact the immunisation team (contact details can be found in the email).

Have a great weekend!