



Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear All,

It has been another busy week in school and things are settling down into the 'new normal'. Sadly, the glorious weather we had been having seems to have come to an end. Please make sure your child has a waterproof coat and wellies in school as it is really important that they can escape the classroom and enjoy the outdoors – even if it's raining.

Thank you to everyone who completed our parent survey on home learning, it has been really interesting to find out which resources helped the most and how we can improve our offer if we are forced to lockdown again. We are busy writing out remote learning plan and will share this with you soon. Hopefully it will be something we never need to use.

Finally, thank you for all your kind words of support over the first few weeks of term. It has been really lovely to hear of happy children and that the information we have provided has been useful to you and your families.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and dodge the raindrops!

Mrs L Watts – Executive Headteacher

### **This week in class...**

**Pre-school:** One of the main interests in preschool this week has been 'things in motion' - the children have used the guttering to race balls and used paint and the slide to see whose car would travel the furthest. There has also been a lot of dressing up and we have seen several firemen, policemen and nurses and had lots of chats about who can help us.

**Acorn:** Acorn Class have been learning about feelings this week. We talked about how certain feelings show in our faces and make us feel different inside. We have learnt some more of our Very Hungry Caterpillar using the story map. In phonics our new sounds this week are p, i and n for YR and Year 1 and 2 we are focusing on revising digraphs.

**Oak:** This week in Oak class we have been continuing our Topic on La Tomatina and have been busy planting our tomato seeds. We have also dissected tomatoes and created collograph prints using textured materials so we can print our own pictures of tomatoes. In Maths we have been continuing learning about place value with rounding and partitioning of numbers

**Preschool news** – we are really sorry to announce that Claire Buxton will be leaving us at half-term to explore pastures new. She has been a wonderful member of the team, with boundless energy and we will all miss her very much. We have started the recruitment process and will update you as soon as we can.

**RSHE** - Next week we will be putting more information on the website around RHSE. We would really appreciate it if you could have a look and complete the parent questionnaire for us.

### **Phonics**

For parents new to phonics (or those who want a refresher), this website is brilliant at explaining how to support your child at home. There are videos on pronouncing the 'pure sounds' which are crucial to know about as you support your child learn how to read. There are top tips and a video on how to blend sounds to make words. It also includes e-books for you to share with your child. Why not check it out this weekend?

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/learn-to-read-phonics/>



**Think of the week**

Would you rather be as tall as a house or as small as a mouse?

