

Thank you to the parents who have completed the 'All About Me' books with your children. They are absolutely fantastic and the children are really enjoying sharing them with the rest of the class. Please may we have the remaining 'All About Me' books by Monday so that your child does not miss out on this lovely experience.

**Mathematics**

Within mathematics the children have been exploring separating a group of objects in different ways and developing an understanding that the total is still the same. For example, using wooden blocks we built two barns for the cows. We counted that we had 15 cows, 7 went into the first barn and 8 into the second barn. We discussed how we separated the cows (7 and 8) and how the total number of cows we had stayed the same (15).

At home please continue to explore this. For example if you have 10 marbles you can put them in 5 groups of 2 or 3 groups of 3 and 1 group of 1, the total will still be 10.

**Literacy/Phonics**

This week the children have been exploring phonemes 't' and 'p'. If you are unsure of how these phonemes sound, please consult Mr. Thorne.

<http://mrthorne.com/the-letter-t/>

<http://mrthorne.com/the-letter-p/>

After exploring these sounds, could you please develop your child's understanding of alliteration by making up silly rhymes with the words that begin with 't' and 'p'. For example, Tommy's terrific trousers.

**Next Week**

Next week we are exploring all of the different signs of Autumn, if possible could you please collect some acorns, conkers and colourful leaves for the classes.

Morning and afternoon drop-off/pick-up: (Message from the school office)

1. Please come into school in the mornings via the side gates (into the main playground or into the EYFS playground). These gates will be opened just before 8.40 a.m. so that children can go straight into classes.
2. Please avoid coming through reception unless you need to speak to our administrators - please ring for entry.
3. We provide breakfast club for children who regularly need to arrive before 8.40 a.m. (please speak to Steph Lowe to enrol). Parents should deliver children to breakfast club by using the after-school-club bell and entering via the hall doors.
4. For those who occasionally arrive early, children may wait in the hall (although parents should be aware that this is not supervised) from 8.30 a.m. until classes are open at 8.40 a.m. Please could parents ring at reception for children to come in (not the bell for breakfast club).
5. Afternoons - the two side gates will be opened just before 3 p.m. Children in EYFS to Y3 will be handed back to parents. Please could children in the KS2 building meet parents in an agreed spot outside on the playground.
6. If you are late collecting, children should go to the blue chairs in reception to wait. When you arrive, please come to reception to sign them out.

With kind regards, Miss Woods, Mrs Stowe, Miss Robson, Mrs Wilkes, Miss Bishop