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Hobletts Manor News

Headteacher Message



I have been in class a lot this week and have really enjoyed seeing children engaged and learning across the school. I am in a privileged position when it comes to seeing your children as learners and I know lots of you would love to have a greater insight into what happens in sessions. Many of you have fed back that you enjoyed the sessions last year where you could pop in at the end of the day and watch your child being taught

We are going to plan a series of **'Curriculum Snapshots'** where you can see your child being taught different aspects of the curriculum. The first of these will have a focus on phonics and will be on **Wednesday 8th October.** On that day you are invited into your child's classroom (from 2.45pm in Reception, year 1 and year 2 and 3.10pm for Ladybirds) to watch a sample phonics session. If you have more than one child do not worry - we will be hosting a curriculum snapshot each half term so you will get the chance to go to each room across the year.

This Thursday 2nd October -Try School Dinners! Taster with your teacher day!

We are having an exciting lunch this Thursday and hoping as many children as possible will join us in having a school meal. Staff will be sitting with the children for a taster session reviewing menu items for our lovely cook Sharon. We will be voting after lunch on what we thought of the items on the menu - Children who usually have a packed lunch are welcome to book a lunch and bring a packed lunch so that they can try maybe one or two items if they wish.



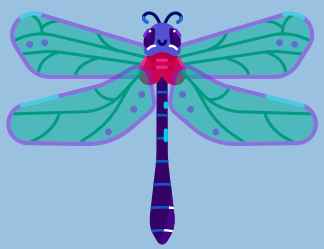


CLASS BLOGS!

*Read your class blog to find out what your child has been learning this week! Click **here***













What's coming up...

- **Thursday 2nd October @Taster with your Teacher!' lunchtime (see Head's message for further details!**
- **Wednesday 8th October - Curriculum Snapshot - Come into class and watch your child being taught phonics! 2.45pm for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and 3.10pm for Nursery**
- **Friday 10th October - World Mental Health Day**
- **Friday 17th October - Show racism the red card day - on this day children are invited to come in non school uniform and wear a red top / accessories (hairband / socks)**
- **Tuesday 21st October Harvest Festival events - further details to be shared nearer the time.**

Spotlight on the curriculum - Writing

Nurturing early writing and broadening children's skills at an appropriate pace is essential to their growth as fluent writers.

What we do at school

Children start by exploring mark-making with chalk and other tools alongside hearing lots of stories and starting to build on their vocabulary. They start to develop early letter formation alongside their phonics knowledge, As they progress through KS1, children build their writing "toolbox," learning to apply their phonic knowledge, develop fluent handwriting, and draw on their imaginative vocabulary banks. By Year 2, most children are able to draw on these skills to draft and write their own stories. We support this journey with the 'Talk for Writing' approach, which gives children a clear story structure to work within, helping them to become confident and creative young writers.

How you can support at home

- Do not rush writing - the most important thing you can do is fill them with stories that they can use to enrich their story language and knowledge.
- Look at the top tips for writing at home provided by the website 'Writing for Pleasure!' Click on the pencil for the link!



Staying Safe, Staying Healthy!

We believe that it is important to begin laying the foundations of understanding personal safety to our children in ways that are age-appropriate and reassuring.

We provide all classes with sessions on:

- Safe adults – helping children identify their trusted grown-ups.
- Body autonomy and consent – teaching children, in simple language, that their body belongs to them and they can say "no" if something makes them uncomfortable and supporting children to recognise when someone's behaviour doesn't feel right.

For more information for how to support at home visit the NSPCC website. They have produced 'The Pants Campaign' full of ideas and resources for schools and parents to discuss body autonomy.

Click on the image to access the website



Success of the Week!

We are really lucky to be part of the Dacorum Sports Partnership and in the last few weeks we have been reviewing events that we can participate in and attend. We are delighted to share that we have booked at least one event for years R, 1 and 2 and a special workshop that all of our children can attend. For the first year they have offered and event for children with SEND that will be sensitive to the needs of the children involved. A big thanks to Mr Wallace from the Juniors and Mrs Taylor who work together to secure our participation in these events.

