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Message from the Headteacher:

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy week here at SMFA and the children have been working hard on their learning in class.

I have been very impressed with how settled the children are in the Julia Donaldson Class and I know that many of you have been commenting on the children's learning on Tapestry. Thank you for your ongoing support with this. Over the next few weeks, a member of the Senior Leadership Team will be contacting every parent/Carer in Reception to ask you for feedback about the induction process into school and how you feel your child has settled in.

We have now completed our Baseline assessments of where children are in Reading, Writing and Maths and have started working with the children on their new learning. Our focus this term will be on Reading and our aim is for all children to leave our school reading well and with a love of reading. All children will have a Reading Book and a Reading Record Book sent home with them on Monday. Please could you hear them read every night and record a comment in their reading book. They need to bring their Reading Book into school with them each day so that they can also read in class.

The teachers were fortunate enough to have a staff training session this week on 'Reading for Pleasure'. As a result of this, we will be reading to the children every day and we will also be reading them a story during each assembly time. You can also help at home by reading stories, comics and non-fiction texts to your children. We will be putting together a series of presentations to support you with how you can help your child with their reading at home.

Homework

Next Friday, your child will also be coming home with a home learning book. Each teacher will set the following homework:

- Children to read each day
- Key words/ Spellings to learn
- Number bonds/ Times Tables to practise
- A half termly project linked to their Topic or Science

The half-termly project can be completed over the course of the half term and there will be an opportunity for the children to share their home learning with the rest of the children in their class. The aim will be for the children to be as creative as possible and to have fun learning at home.

Healthy Schools:

It has been great to see so many children swapping their flavoured drinks for water this week. This has helped children with their 'Readiness' learning power. I have spoken to a few parents about the rationale behind this:

- Water is the most effective fluid to prevent dehydration.
- Drinking water helps concentration and learning ability.
- Other drinks can be high in sugar and/or contain acid.

House Points

Owls	1395
Panthers	1534
Dragons	1384
Dolphins	1473

Attendance This Week

Julia Donaldson	83.8%
Judith Kerr	87.4%
Oliver Jeffers	93.3%
Roald Dahl	91.3%
Enid Blyton	88.6%
Jacqueline Wilson	88.5%
Michael Morpurgo	88.1%
J K Rowling	95.1%
Michael Rosen	94.6%

- To keep our teeth healthy it is recommended to restrict the number of times we expose them to sugar/acid attacks to 4 per day.
- The best way to reduce attacks is to only consume such foods and drinks at meal times.
- Schools must follow nutritional and non-lunch standards by law which restrict the provision of food and drink in schools.

Next week I will be sharing some ideas on how to put together a healthy lunch box on a budget.