

EYFS Welcome Meeting

Phonics *keep sound folder in book bag*

We teach phonics every day at Lethbridge through songs and actions. Your child will take home their very own sound folder. Please practise these with your child regularly at home. New sounds will be sent home on a weekly basis for you to file into the folders.

Handwriting *Cursive*



We will teach correct letter formation alongside phonics, through directed and play activities. We teach cursive formation at Lethbridge to ensure all letters are formed correctly and to encourage children to have a secure foundation for joining up letters later in their life at school.

Reading Records *Please sign*

Books will be sent home later this term, along with a tip sheet of what to do to support your child's reading.

Lilac books - it is very important to talk about the pictures (what you can see, what is happening, what might happen), describe the characters, build up vocab etc.

Books will be changed on set days, therefore please encourage your child to put it into basket provided.



Keywords

We will send home a set of keywords for your child in Term 2. Your child will need to learn these words by sight, so we will also send home a list of ideas of games you could play using homemade flashcards.

Every other week, we will check to see how many of these words your child has been able to learn and, if necessary, give out a new set of words.

PE



PE will take place on a Friday in Term 2.

Your child will need to wear their PE clothes into school instead of their school uniform. They therefore do not need PE bags in school.

Home time

Please let us know if it will be someone different picking up your child. If it is on a regular basis, please write a note for us to keep by the door.

When picking up please begin the year by waiting behind the picket fence either by Squirrel side or Hedgehog side depending which class your child is in. Please wave at the teacher to help us spot you when we are seeing out your child.



Your child's property

Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle into school every day and that their jumpers, cardigans, coats and lunchboxes are clearly labelled with their name.

Windows and doors will be open for ventilation so please ensure your child brings a jumper or cardigan to school.

Rewards

Positive Praise



All children are aware of the golden rules and expectations of behaviour. We are strong believers in reinforcing good behaviour. We have an abundance of certificates, stickers and general praise for the children. We also have our positive behaviour display - all children begin the day on the Sun ☺ Throughout the day positive behaviour is recognised and celebrated by moving the child's name up to the rainbow. Any unacceptable behaviour will be dealt by moving the children down onto the clouds, but they always have opportunity and are encouraged to move back up the sunny face.

Toys

Due to health and safety reasons, we are not allowing any toys into school.

How can you help?

Your input into your child's learning is just as important as ours.

How can you support your child's learning at school?

- Helping us collect evidence on WOW moments seen at home - please see a teacher for a copy
- Listening to your child read several times a week
- Ensuring you check your child's bag/parent mail for letters/school website

Please regularly check your parent mail for letters and updates. Also see school website for latest information, photos and useful links www.lethbridgeprimary.co.uk.