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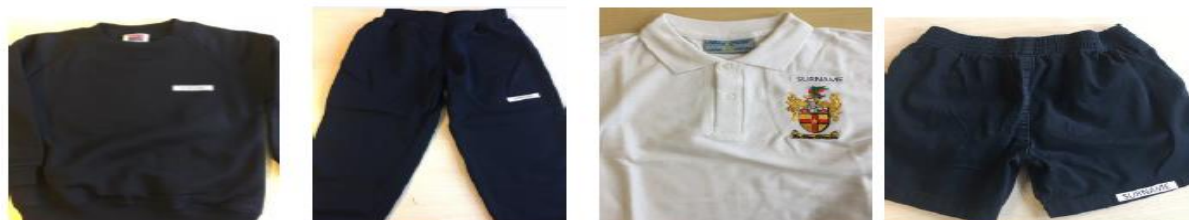
This week the children have started to learn to read and write. All the children have worked extremely hard to recall the letter sounds and to practise the formation with 'lead in' and 'lead out' lines. We hope that your child has enjoyed practising their letter formation and letter recognition using their phonic booklet. Please don't worry if your child is finding the formation hard – we will keep practising and at this stage the most important thing is learning the sounds. Keep practising! Please return the booklet to school every day, even if the homework is unfinished. The children learn 4 new sounds a week with Friday being used to consolidate the week's learning – there will be no new letter to complete at the weekend.

We have also been thinking about how we change as we grow older by thinking how we know we have grown. The children also enjoyed manipulating clay to make a face.

This week in Maths the children have been practising the skill of subitising. Subitising is the ability to instantaneously recognise the number of objects in a small group. To carry on this learning at home, we have sent home, in the book bags, a two-player game we would like you to play with your child. First use tiles or counters to cover each of the subitising patterns on the board. Once the board is covered with tiles, player 1 points to a tile and player 2 lifts the tile for one second. Player one then has to say how many dots they saw. If they get it correct, they keep the tile, if not the tile is replaced. Player 2 then has a turn. This continues until all tiles are removed, the winner is the person with the most tiles at the end of the game.

We have started to put some items of the children's sport's kit on during Games lessons. Please ensure they have their PE bags in school every day.

The staff have been checking children's kit to see that it is adequately labelled. We will contact you directly if labels are missing or if additional labels are required. If your child does not have name labels on the outside of their clothing, please refer to the extract from the uniform list below for correct positioning:



All sportswear should be labelled on the left breast above the crest (if applicable) on tops or left leg of shorts and tracksuit bottoms where appropriate.

We hope that you will be able to attend the 'Early Years Foundation Curriculum Presentation' on Monday 1st October at 19:00 in Ashburton Hall, where the Foundation teachers will speak in more detail about the Foundation stage curriculum and how you can best support your child this year.

Next week, we will be thinking about our bodies. The children will take part in a collaborative art work, name parts of the body and will discover some of the things that happen to our body when we exercise. Also National Poetry Day 2018 is taking place on Thursday 4th October 2018. We would love your child to bring in a favourite nursery rhyme or short poem to share with the class.

Best Wishes

The Foundation Team