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Dear Reception Families,

We had a fantastic first week with the children! We hope you enjoyed receiving your photo frame keepsake! We are looking forward to another great week.

Friday 19th September – Teddy Bear’s ‘Booknic’

On Friday, you are invited to the Reception classrooms at 2 o’clock to share some stories with your child and their teddy bear. We will provide a biscuit for the children to enjoy during this time. On this day, the children may bring a teddy bear to school, please try to label it in some way. We would suggest not to bring their most special teddy or one they rely on to go to sleep! Please don’t worry if you are not able to attend, the Reception team will share stories with those children whose family member are not there and they will be well looked after. We are looking forward to it!

Learning

It seems that many of the children can already recognise their own name when they see it written, which is fantastic. When writing their name, we encourage all children to use a capital letter at the beginning **only**. They can practice writing their name anywhere; it does not always have to be on paper! Try writing in soap on the side of the bath, steamed up windows, in a tray of sand or chalk on the ground.

Our topic for this term is ‘Super Me’

Our topics are highly influenced by the children’s interests therefore activities may change from those planned.



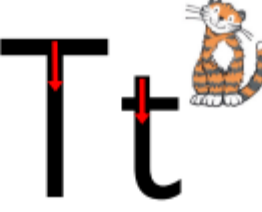

Communication, Language & Literacy:

- We will read the story ‘This is Me’ by George Webster. We will be thinking about what makes us ‘glow’ (special).
- Children will be encouraged to use appropriate vocabulary and full sentences to describe themselves. We will also discuss how to be a good listener when it is someone else’s turn to talk.
- Children will draw a picture of themselves and practice writing their name.

We will also begin teaching phonics and will learn the sounds s, a, t and p. Below you can see how we teach the children to form these letters. You could have a go at doing this together, here are some fun ideas for how to do it: with your magic finger in the air, on your palm or on each other’s backs, chalking on the ground, with exciting pens or pencils!

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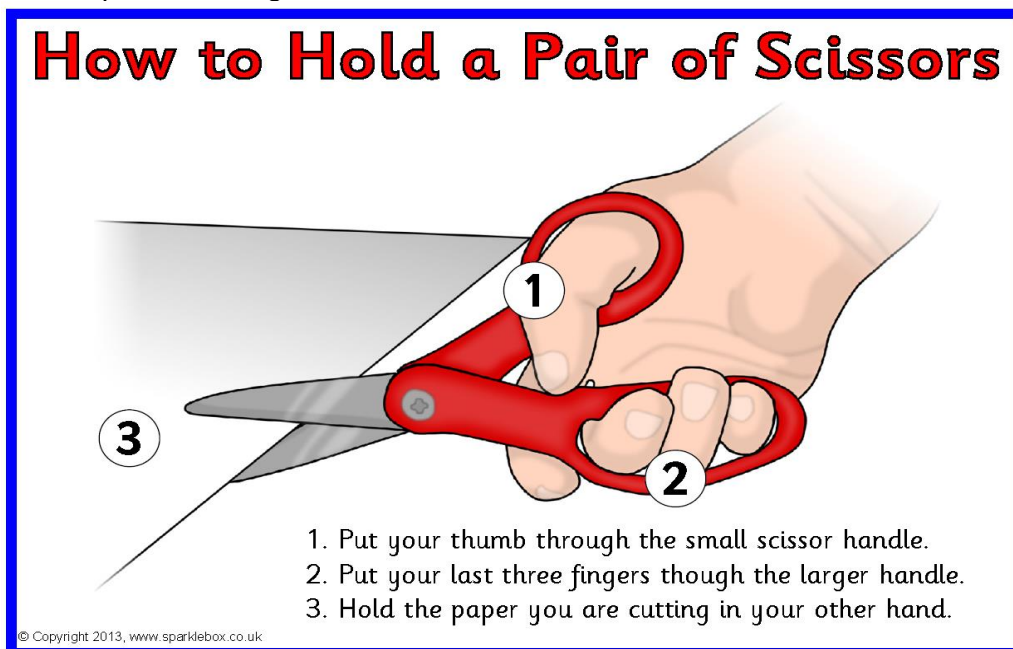
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| <p>Under the snake's chin, slide down and round its tail.</p> | <p>Around the astronaut's helmet and down into space.</p> | <p>From the tiger's nose to its tail, then follow the stripe across the tiger.</p> | <p>Down the penguin's back, up and around its head.</p> |

Maths:

We will encourage careful counting and naming shapes through play.

Other Areas of Learning:

- **UW (Understanding the World)** – we will talk about ourselves. We will represent our faces using different materials and name the different parts of our face.
- **PSED (Personal, social and emotional development)**- “Being Me in My World” – teaching the children to help others feel welcome.
- **EAD (Expressive arts and design)** – we will paint our own self portrait.
- **PD (Physical development)**- We will practice moving in different ways e.g. skipping, hopping and jumping. We will practice using scissors. Please see below for how to hold scissors:



Notices/reminders:

- Meet the Teacher and Curriculum Information Evening – Wednesday 17th September 3.30pm in your child's classroom.
- Please ensure that all coats, jumpers, cardigans and water bottles are labelled.
- Please ensure grapes, cherry tomatoes and olives are cut in half or ideally quartered.
- Just a reminder to contact us if you have any queries or concerns about what happens in school, rather than post on the Reception WhatsApp group. As parents ourselves, we are always happy to support you and alleviate any worries. You can email us through the school office or give us a call. Thank you.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Lewis, Miss Margetts and Mrs Morley