Emerald Class Newsletter

September 2026

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely summer break.

We welcome two new children to Emerald class this term.

Hygge
We continue to follow the 'Hygge in the Early Years' curriculum with themes linked to the natural environment. A list of this term's themes is at the end of this newsletter and more detailed information can be found on our website.

Phonics and reading
In addition to the daily phonics lessons for reception children we have pre-reading sessions which include listening and identifying sounds and exploring rhyme, rhythm and alliteration. These sessions are useful for all the children, even after they have started reading.

Maths
In the mornings we teach maths through play and games linked to our weekly themes. In the afternoons we use Hamilton Maths Scheme which consists of short lessons and games.

Stories, rhymes and songs
We have story time just before lunch and at the end of the day. These sessions also include rhymes or songs. Children will also request stories or songs during their 'choosing time.'

Children's 'work' books
We will continue to put a selection of the children's work, photographs of them working and comments in a book. The children love looking back at the things they had done over the year. You are welcome to come in and look your child's book before or after school and during parents' consultations.

PE
PE lessons will be on Thursday afternoons this term, so could all children who are in school on Thursday afternoons come to school in their PE kit. The PE kit should consist of: a white tee-shirt, blue or black shorts and trainers. It is also a good idea to have black jogging bottoms and a sweat shirt or hooded top for colder weather.

Library Books
The children will be given the opportunity to take home and change a school library book on a Friday.

Water Bottles
Please make sure your child has their NAMED water bottle in school every day. The water bottles should contain plain water. However, if your child will only drink juice, we suggest that you try to gradually dilute it so that, hopefully, they will eventually be drinking water. Please talk to us if there is a problem with this.

Clothing
Please can you ensure that all of your child's uniform is clearly named. It is very difficult for us to ensure children are reunited with their belongings if they are unnamed.

Jane Stringall
Class Teacher

Week 1	Settling in
Week 2	Owls
Week 3	Apples/Harvest
Week 4	Leaves
Week 5	Spiders
Week 6	Hedgehogs
Week 7	Sticks
Week 8	Pumpkins
Week 9	Fire/Diwali
Week 11	Stars
Week 12	Hibernation
Week 13	Winter Trees/Christmas
Week 14	Decorations/Christmas
Week 15	Robins/Christmas

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you have any cause for concern, however small, please do not hesitate to speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL). You may also refer any concerns to the Integrated Front Door Team on 0300 300 8585 (Mon-Thurs 0845-1720hrs and Fri 0845-1620hrs). The out of hours number is 0300 300 8123.
Email: IFD@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk
As part of our Safeguarding Policy, mobile phones **MUST NOT** be used on school premises. This is to protect you as much as it is to protect the children.
Please visit our school website www.ridgmont-lower.org.uk where you will find links to a wide range of support and advice. Head to PARENTS→USEFUL LINKS AND INFORMATION.