4th September 2015

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Foundation Stage !

We have been very impressed with the way the children have settled in this week. You would think they had been here for much longer.

**Books and Reading**

The children have all been given books and reading records to bring home. Books without words are to encourage 'book talk'. Please share the books with your child, encouraging them to talk about the story, the characters , what they might be saying and what might happen next. Please feel free to sign and date the reading record book and to make any comments that might be helpful for us to know.

Throughout the next two terms we will be introducing children to high -frequency words and letter sounds. Your child will be given a red 'sound book' to practise with you the letters that we are learning at school. It is important that you encourage learning the letter sound before the letter name e.g 'S' would be 'sss' not 'ess'. For more information about how to sound out the letters please check out the link on the class website.

**Mystery Readers**

We would like to invite you (or any family members with some time) to come and be a 'mystery reader '. See details attached. We will put a list up on the classroom door for you to sign up. Try to keep it a secret from your child if you are coming in, as we like to maintain the surprise and get children to ask questions and try to guess who might be coming to read to them !

**Children's Work Board**

Each member of the class has a 'working board' where they can celebrate their achievements inside and outside school. If possible please could we have a photograph of your family to add to the display to encourage discussion.

**Wow Sheets**

Anything your child does that makes you say 'WOW !' we would love to hear about so we can talk about it with them and discuss with the class. Please use the 'Wow' sheets to tell us about it and try to encourage your child to add a word or picture. 'Wow' sheets can be found on the class website.

**Show and Tell**

Show and tell is on a Wednesday. Please check when your child is due to do theirs. Timetables will be put on the website.

**P.E**

P.E kits can be left in the cloakroom until half term. We will start P.E in the hall next week.

**A Plea :** for junk modelling materials, buttons, fabric, wool.

Please feel free to come and talk to us if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to working with you and your child this year.

Yours Sincerely

The Foundation Team

**Show and Tell Timetable**

